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## Optimism high as hundreds attend job fair



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Jess Mac of Dandan village woke up early on Wednesday, determined to find a job that would help him provide for his family, particularly his ailing mother.

"I just want a decent job," said Mac. "Maybe I can have a new kind of job, different from my previous job," said the 33-year-old jobseeker, who has had prior work experience driving heavy equipment.

A former greens keeper in Guam, Mac was among the hundreds of jobless U.S. workers who attended the job fair hosted by the CNMI Department of Labor. A total of 27 employers—both private

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## Kilili: I'm doing everything to move HR 1466 forward

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Sablan

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) is back on island and said he continues to work hard so that his bill that seeks to afford "CNMI-only" resident status to four particular groups of aliens is passed by Congress at the soonest possible time.

"We have been reaching out to leadership from both sides of the aisle to

move HR 1466 forward. Since we do not control the gavel, there is no way for me to say for certain when a vote will be scheduled but we continue to try and get a vote at the earliest opportunity," he said.

With only 24 days to go before the expiration of umbrella permits on Nov. 27, 2011, the two-term congressman said it is essential that HR 1466 passes

the U.S. House after it was green-lighted.

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▲ Hundreds of job seekers show up at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in hopes of finding work with any of the 27 employers that participated in the job fair sponsored by the CNMI Department of Labor yesterday. Labor Secretary Gil San Nicolas said the event is a partnership between the local government and the business sector as part of efforts to hire qualified U.S. workers.



## Ernest resigns as chief prosecutor—sources

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
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Michael L. Ernest has resigned as chief prosecutor of the Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Multiple sources from the legal community and the OAG disclosed since last week that Ernest had already

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## Dr. Algaier is MHS' most outstanding educator this year

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Dr. Chas Algaier was adjudged as Marianas High School's most outstanding educator and was bestowed the prestigious Teacher of the Year award this school year.

Algaier has been an educator in the CNMI for 17 years, the first 10 at Northern Marianas College. This year marks his seventh year with the Public School System and his first time to be conferred the honor.

He described the recognition as an honor, knowing the selection was made by his equally deserving colleagues. "I am not expecting this and

I feel honored and lucky that my colleagues selected me," he told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that he was among the school's three finalists for the award.

Algaier obtained his bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Kansas and his master's degree in International Studies at Ohio University. His doctorate is in leadership studies, obtained from the University of San Diego.

For the past seven years, Algaier has been mentoring students in AP Linguistics, AP World History, and AP Psychology.

When asked what prompted him to pursue a career in teacher, Algaier recalled—with tongue firmly in cheek—being motivated by the idea that teachers have long vacations. "That was probably my prime motivation in college: I could see growing up that teachers had long vacations," he laughed.

He quickly turned serious, however, saying that, as he got into education, "I found that I enjoyed working with students, transferring knowledge, giving students the idea that they could be successful. I think failing in school is also a great motivator for teachers. If you fail as a student and later learn to succeed, you will understand the link between failure and success. If you embrace teaching, you can become very successful in helping students to understand the link themselves."

Each day, Algaier attends to about 110 students from all grade levels. Besides his busy classroom schedule, he is also an active member of the school faculty and chairperson of the Social Studies Department. He was key to the establishment and operation of the AP classes at the school and instrumental in bringing related summer institutes for teachers to Saipan. Algaier was also the chairperson of the school's accreditation team.

Interactions with students are the most enjoyable and memorable part of his job. To become effective, Algaier believes that a teacher must understand the individual student's needs so he can provide a proper response. His current AP class in world history, for example, is mostly composed of freshmen who may lack both procedural and content knowledge when compared to their junior and senior classmates.

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consider what is like to be a freshman in a college level class. They have different needs, they are still mastering the ability to think at a college level, and they have to learn how to get to that point. Their needs force me to examine and refine my teaching methods and focus," he said.

Among the many lessons that Algaier has learned from his students are: "Don't make assumptions about students. Don't assume things because your assumptions will often be wrong. Don't have confidence of what you think you know because that confidence may often be misplaced. You have to learn new things every year to best understand what the students are thinking and of their needs."

**Other awardees**

MHS conferred its Teacher Aide of the Year honor on Dominic Fitial, who has been with the school's special education program since 2005 and was also accorded the same honor last school year. The 43-year-old employee said he finds satisfaction and fulfillment in caring for special children and vows to continue doing his best.

Tita Gabredo was adjudged as the school's Support Staff of the Year. She started working for MHS in 2005. This is her second time to be given the award; the first was in 2009. This mother of two handles the school's time-keeping, performs administrative work, and assists students and staff, among other tasks.

The Maintenance of the Year awardee is Emory Fitial, a PSS employee for 21 years. He first served William S. Reyes Elementary School for 10 years before moving to MHS in 2000. This year marks his 11<sup>th</sup> year of service to the oldest

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Marianas High School educational awardees gather for a group photo yesterday. Standing in front, from left, are Teacher Aide of the Year Dominic Fitial, Counselor of the Year Janice Muña, Support Staff of the Year Tita Gabredo, and Librarian of the Year Patty Aguon-Cruz. Standing at the back, from right, are Maintenance of the Year Emory Fitial, principal Cherlyn Cabrera, and Teacher of the Year Dr. Chas Algaier.

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# Rota center sees 59 pct. hike in patient numbers since '98

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REPORTER

Acting Rota Health Center resident director Edward Maratita disclosed yesterday that more and more island residents are getting sick, as shown by the center's records in the last 13 years.

## Calvo's Insurance chips in for upcoming Hyatt Golf Classic

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REPORTER

Another business has expressed its support for the 16th Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic by donating money to further its mission of helping Make-A-Wish Foundation grant the wishes of children with life-threatening conditions.

Calvo's Insurance general manager Eli Buenaventura presented the \$1,000 check to event committee chair Michael Wilson on Tuesday.

This was the first time for Calvo's Insurance to donate to the annual golf tournament. "We believe in the mission of this golf event and we hope for its success," Buenaventura told *Saipan Tribune*.

The 2011 Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic is slated for Nov. 12 at the LaoLao Bay Golf Resort. Registration is at 6:30am, with shotgun start at 7:30am.

Early bird registration fee for Club Elan and Club at the Hyatt members is only \$95 per person, with payment to be made at least 72 hours prior to the event or on Nov. 9.

Regular registration fee for members is \$110 per person and non-members fee costs \$120 per person.

Wilson, who is also the Food and Beverage director for Hyatt, said that

He disclosed that the center only had 705 patients back in fiscal year 1998, which translates to about 35 patients every day. In fiscal year 2011, which just ended on Sept. 30, 2011, that number has grown to 1,100 patients—a jump of 59 percent that translates to 56 patients

seen daily.

Maratita described this significant increase as alarming and is something that needs to be prioritized by both the municipality and the healthcare corporation, which now handles all Commonwealth health centers and clinics.

While the patient count is increasing, the center's workforce is going the other way, continuing to decline year after year due to budget constraints, Maratita said. At present, the center has 52 personnel, including just two physicians and seven nurses.

Among the important positions that need to be filled are the pharmacist and physician assistant posts, he said. He hopes the new corporation will look at this as among the areas that need to be addressed at once.

"Our concern is the delivery of healthcare services to our people. I hope, under the corporation, we can fill those important positions," Maratita said.

Since Oct. 1, all health centers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota have been under the corporation, which now functions as an independent agency. The corporation also absorbed all the functions of the Department of Public Health. About 600 personnel were absorbed by corporation.

Calvo's Insurance joins their roster of corporate sponsors and donors.

This year's hole-in-one prizes include a 2012 Hyundai from Triple J Motors, \$25,000 from Bank of Hawaii, and a chance to tour Japan courtesy of Delta Air Lines.

"We also have the fantastic gala banquet that everyone looks forward to," added Wilson. The banquet will be



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Calvo's Insurance general manager Eli Buenaventura hands the \$1,000 check donation to Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic Committee chair Michael Wilson at the Kili Cafe & Terrace on Tuesday.

and that he is now using all his available leave time.

Ernest, however, will remain at the OAG and will possibly work in the Civil Division, at least two lawyers told *Saipan Tribune* over the weekend.

The reason behind Ernest's resignation was not immediately clear.

Sources said that Ernest has enjoyed strong support from fellow prosecutors and staff because of his professionalism in running the OAG's Criminal

Division.

Under Ernest's term, problems relating to case backlogs was addressed and the age of cases was significantly reduced.

Buckingham appointed Ernest as chief prosecutor in June 2010 after Rosemond B. Santos resigned from the post.

Prior to joining the OAG, Ernest served as Senate legal counsel for five years.

workers in the CNMI obtaining green cards and a pathway to citizenship.

Workers advocate Malou Berueco said that Sablan's bill may be too late for hundreds of jobless alien workers with U.S. citizen children because they will be out of status after Nov. 27, 2011.

"It's good that it will be approved by the House. But my worry is that by that time a lot of those affected will already be out of status and under Sablan's bill they will no longer be covered by his bill," she said.

Dekada president Boni Sagana, for his part, said he is thankful for Sablan's "sincere help and untiring work" to move his bill.

Asked what he is doing to help the plight of jobless aliens with U.S. citizen children after the expiration of umbrella permits, Sablan said he has already requested Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to grant them parole-in-place.

"We continue to work to encourage DHS to provide a short term administrative remedy for those covered by HR 1466," he said.

"CNMI-only resident status" for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens as of May 8, 2008, and continuing to be on the islands, CNMI permanent residents, those born in the CNMI between Jan. 1, 1974 and Jan. 9, 1978, and the spouses or children, "as defined in section 101(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1)), of an alien described in subclauses (I) or (II)."

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is opposed to HR 1466 because of its provision to extend status to alien workers with U.S. citizen children, regardless of age.

### Positive news

United Workers Movement-NMI president Rabby Syed said he welcomes Sablan's comments but said his group continues to ask the congressman to include all alien workers—even those without U.S. citizen children—in his bill.

"Definitely positive news for guest workers who are included in the bill. But we are still hoping Kilili will include other guest workers in his bill," he said, while adding that UWM-NMI has not abandoned its dream of guest

## JOB FAIR

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businesses and government agencies—accepted applications for jobs ranging from technicians and housekeepers to engineers and managers at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday.

Mac, who moved back to Saipan after being jobless in Guam for two years, is optimistic that the fair will pave the way for his next job. "This event is a good opportunity for job applicants like me," he added.

Like Mac, other hopefuls lined up as early as 8am to complete application forms or submit their résumés to prospective employers.

Ruth Shorey Tenorio, 20, arrived from Pohnpei in 2010 with a goal to finish school. Unable to meet that goal, Tenorio is now looking for a job as a cashier or housekeeper in stores and hotels.

"I need to work because I'm staying with my husband and we want to have enough to support ourselves and our families," said Tenorio, who worked as a cashier and a babysitter back in Pohnpei.

Her husband, Melchor Tenorio, said it's been a month since he last had a job. He used to work with Herman's Bakery.

"I am looking to apply for a job as a warehouse stocker," said Tenorio, 21, who submitted application forms to Fiesta Resort and Spa, Joeten, and KFC, among others.

While yesterday's crowd saw job seekers of different ages, a large number were young U.S. workers keen to obtain work experience at an early age as they, too, have been badly affected by the continuing economic decline.

Kimberly Magofna, 18, just graduated from Kagman High School and is awaiting phone calls and interview appointments. In the meantime, she keeps submitting application forms.

"It [doesn't] matter what kind of job. I just want to gain more work experience," said the Tanapag resident who was once employed at the Chacha Ocean View Jr. High School doing administrative work.

Eighteen-year-old Jamilice Camacho said she is prepared to juggle her time as a freshman student taking up Elementary Education at the Northern Marianas College while taking a part-time job.

"I've been looking for a part-time job for four months now and it's been difficult because there's a lot of people like me that are looking for jobs," said Camacho, who came to the venue with her mom and a friend.

Camacho, a Chalan Kanoa resident, said she is "pretty positive" that she will be hired. "It's better to be confident and just be hopeful," she added.

CNMI Center for Living Independently director Lydia D. Igitol, who came to the job fair to assist two of their consumers find a job, said the event is an "opportunity the island never had," particularly for the youth.

"Seeing the youth here gives me great hope that people would recognize that there is a need for employment among U.S. workers. Here you can see the actual demand," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Igitol added that having even just some of people with disabilities hired through these job fairs would give hope to others. "They just need encouragement," she said.

Fiesta Resort and Spa Human Resource manager Lupe Flores said the job fair is a "good venue" to look for qualified U.S. workers who can fill their 40 advertised positions.

"We're trying to reach out to all qualified U.S. workers. That's our objective," said Flores, who also noted that they will start scheduling interviews by next week.

As the Nov. 27 deadline for foreign workers draws near, Saipan Ice & Water Co. human resource staffer Maxima Lisua said that while their company will keep workers in skilled positions such as electricians and accountants, they are looking for U.S. workers to fill their anticipated vacancies for production and delivery staff.

"It's a good event and I'm hopeful that we can find workers who are devoted and would come to work every day," said Lisua, adding that they will begin with their selection and interview process next week.

Hafa Adai Beach Hotel HR manager Juan I. Tenorio said their company is now interviewing applicants that applied for the 48 positions they announced during the Department of Commerce-sponsored job expo last month.

They only set up a booth at yesterday's job fair to inform job applicants about the duties and responsibilities of the positions they want to apply for as well as company expectations and standard, he said.

"The more we educate applicants, the more empowerment we can give to them so they can do what they need to do to prepare themselves to be in the job market," added Tenorio.

Labor Secretary Gil San Nicolas thanked all participants for the "good turnout." He emphasized that the event is a partnership between the government and the private sector.

San Nicolas encouraged U.S. workers not to give up. "Continue to search for the job you're interested in. Continue to follow up with those companies that you have applied with."

Washington delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan, who was also at the job fair, commended the Department of Labor "for a very successful event."

## ERNEST

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submitted his resignation letter to Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham.

Ernest refused to comment yesterday. Buckingham did not reply to two emails requesting comment about Ernest's resignation.

According to sources, Ernest's last day as chief prosecutor was yesterday

## KILILI

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ed at the committee level a couple of months back.

"There is nothing certain until a vote actually takes place and we continue to work toward that end. I think that the sooner we act on HR 1466, the better for our U.S. citizens who happen to have immediate relatives who are third-country nationals. The House leadership knows that HR 1466 is a time-sensitive legislation and some have shared their own support for timely action on the bill," he said.

After the House, Sablan's measure would still have to be approved by the U.S. Senate before going to President Barack Obama's desk for action.

In an interview with KSPN 2 last night, Sablan said he hopes that HR 1466 is passed before the end of the year.

In an earlier report, Senate staffer Alen Stayman said it is possible that the Senate will consider and pass HR 1466 if it manages to hurdle the House.

Sablan's H.R. 1466 proposes a

# Pangelinan allegedly caught anew in Internet fraud dealings

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Benny K. Pangelinan, a former Coastal Resources Management official who has already served a three-year prison sentence for wire fraud and is under investigation again for allegedly committing the

## Woman allegedly broke car's windshields

A woman who was allegedly beaten up and choked by her boyfriend with a PVC pipe in March was arrested Tuesday for allegedly smashing the windshields of her boyfriend's car.

Amanda O. Kaipat, 23, was arrested for criminal mischief and disturbing the peace.

Assistant public defender Douglas Hartig recused himself from representing Kaipat as the Public Defender's Office serves as counsel for her boyfriend, Christopher R. Dela Cruz, in the previous incident where she was the alleged victim.

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman said that the court will appoint a private counsel for Kaipat.

same offenses, was reportedly caught anew wiring money to a person that he claims to be his girlfriend from Australia whom he met on the Internet.

U.S. Probation Officer Gregory F. Arriola asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI yesterday to revoke Pangelinan's supervised release for violating

his probation conditions.

The district court summoned Pangelinan to appear in court today, Thursday, to explain why his supervised release should not be revoked.

In a petition filed in September, Arriola said that Pangelinan borrowed \$21,450 from a couple and over \$11,000 from a family member, both with promises to double the amounts once he gets large sums of money that he was expecting to receive.

In his supplemental declaration filed yesterday, Arriola said that he went to Pangelinan's house on Monday, Oct. 31, to inform him of an upcoming counseling session with Marianas Psychiatric Services but did not find him there. Arriola said he later found Pangelinan

standing in front of a building across the Town House Shopping Center talking on a cell phone. Pangelinan was later seen entering Raj Shopping in the same area.

When he walked into the shop, Arriola said that, Pangelinan, who was sitting behind a desktop computer, immediately closed an email account and attempted to conceal a piece of paper that he crumpled and dropped on the floor. Pangelinan allegedly explained that he was trying to contact his son in Oregon through the Internet.

Arriola reminded him that he has been given specific instructions to stop using the Internet as he had been communicating with scammers.

Arriola then questioned the

shop's owner, who disclosed that Pangelinan was a frequent customer in the past two months and paid mainly for Internet access.

Arriola said that Pangelinan later confessed that the number written on the paper was a Western Union routing number as he was sending money to his girlfriend, Carole J. Millar, in Australia, to help her purchase a ticket to Saipan.

When asked where he was getting the money, Pangelinan said that he was using his retirement pay. Her ticket allegedly cost \$2,000 and the \$300 that Pangelinan just sent her was the final amount needed to buy the ticket.

Arriola said he attempted again to explain that he was

being manipulated by online scammers, but Pangelinan stated that Millar should arrive on Saipan within the week. Arriola said he advised Pangelinan to return home and to cease accessing the Internet.

In January 2007, a federal jury found Pangelinan guilty of five wire fraud charges, stemming from his activities to defraud potential investors and his involvement in various Internet fraud schemes.

In April 2007, the court sentenced him to three years and one month in prison. After serving the sentence, he was placed on three years of supervised release.

The court ordered Pangelinan to pay a total of \$129,250 in restitution to five victims.

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In accordance with the "Open Government Act", the Public School System State Board of Education, through their Special Education State Advisory Panel (SESAP), is hereby serving notice to the general public that it will hold a meeting on Thursday, November 03, 2011 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Pacific Islands Club, Napa Room, San Antonio, Saipan. This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome.

#### AGENDA

- I. Preliminary Matters**
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- IV. Parent Concerns/Needs**
  - Related Services
- V. Miscellaneous**
  - Special Education Student/Personnel Data
  - Other Matters
- VI. Adjournment**
  - Next Meeting – December 07, 2011
  - Election of Officers

In compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting, but require accessibility such as a large print or sign language interpreters must call 237-3029. Several days notice is necessary to allow organizers ample time to make necessary arrangements.

/s/ Frances Diaz  
Chairwoman

/s/ Suzanne W. Lizama  
Special Education Director

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# Aetna postpones contract's renewal to January

By MONETH G. DEPOSA  
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REPORTER

Health insurance carrier Aetna Global has agreed to postpone the renewal date of its contract by two months while it waits for the Fitial administration to decide on its proposal to raise premium rates under a new contract.

Retirement Fund administrator Richard Villagomez said yesterday that the postponement means that coverage and premiums for all retirees and members will remain intact.

Aetna's contract, renewed every year, was up for renewal on Tuesday, Nov. 1.

At a recent Fund board meeting, Villagomez said that the Fitial administration has

yet to decide on the company's new proposed premium rates.

The insurance carrier had presented the government two options, both of which would increase the amount of premiums that will be paid by members. The specifics of these options were not made public.

"While we sort this out, Aetna has agreed to postpone the implementation date of the renewal terms from Nov. 1, 2011, to Jan. 1, 2012. Coverage and premiums will remain intact and the same until Jan. 1, 2012," Villagomez said in an email yesterday, adding that he cannot divulge specifics of the proposal until the administration selects a renewal option.

According to Villagomez,

most members have reported being "very satisfied" with the health insurance coverage provided by Aetna.

The Group Health and Life Insurance Program, or GHLIP, is a government program and is only administered by the

Fund. Any final decision on the contract with Aetna lies with the Executive Branch.

Villagomez also disclosed that the applicability of the federal Health Care Reform Act to the CNMI plan is being re-assessed at the request

of some lawmakers and the Fitial administration. "If applicable, the coverage mandated by the Act is nice but is not free. It will increase premiums that we all have to pay for—active employees, retirees, and the CNMI government," he said.

Since the Fund pays 50 percent of premium contributions for GHLIP, board chair Sixto Igisomar said that the options presented by Aetna would also mean a substantially increased burden for the Fund.

## MPS-3 commander says Saipan 'is sweet deal job'

By MARK RABAGO  
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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The commander of Maritime Prepositioning Squadron Three on Saipan said she is lucky to have been assigned in the Northern Marianas and feels as if her posting is "a sweet deal job for a U.S. Navy captain.

Speaking at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting

yesterday at the Saipan Grand Hotel's Seaside Hall, U.S. Navy Capt. Deidre L. McClay said that the military staff that oversees the MPS-3 squadron is actually very small and are only aboard the flagship, USNS *1st Lt. Jack Lummus*.

"We oversee the readiness of the 10 ships that are part of the squadron and then if there's a mission, we help coordinate all

the other military entities that have to come together the pre-positioning assets," she said.

McClay, who came to the meeting in aquaflage—slang for the U.S. Navy's new work uniform—said that since taking charge of the squadron in May 2011, she has pretty much enjoyed her tour of duty in the CNMI.

"I have enjoyed Saipan very much. This a sweet deal job for a U.S. Navy captain. It's a one-year assignment and essentially as long as North Korea doesn't invade South Korea



McClay

or China doesn't attack Taiwan, it usually is a very enjoyable year. We have time to take advantage of the recreational facilities. I've taken up scuba diving. I've learned to take up golf and I'm a huge history buff so the chance to visit the park locations and other historic sites... has been very special to me," she said.

McClay said the main purpose of prepositioning ships is to solve the U.S. military's timeline problem in the event of war.

"Basically you have floating warehouses of war-fighting material so in case you have a problem in the Western Pacific, the stuff will come to the scene of action faster than if you had ships coming from the continent," she said.

While she joked about the U.S. Navy's new camouflage uniforms and how easy it is to get a driver's license on Saipan, McClay also took the opportunity to clarify some misconceptions about her squadron's mission. "Sometimes people think during humanitarian or disaster assistance missions, we can just take one of these ships and do something. Not really. Only if the Joint Chiefs of Staff authorize that deployment and then also send all the people that are able to do it," she said.



### INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC BID #: IFB 12-NMC-001

#### MAINTENANCE MANPOWER SERVICES

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement of Maintenance Manpower Services for the As Terlaje Campus.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Wednesday (Oct 19, 2011) between the hours of 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Bid Packages are due no later than 4:00 p.m., November 03, 2011**, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. In accordance with Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference is available to local businesses for this procurement.

For Bidders located outside of the CNMI: you may request a copy of the IFB via fax (670) 235-7601 or email to Anita Camacho (anitac@nmcnet.edu).

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College.

All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC.

Approved by the following:

/s/ Anita Camacho  
NMC Procurement Manager

/s/ John D. Guerrero  
Administrative Services

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- Swimming pool

### ANAKS OCEAN VIEW HILL SAIPAN

AVAILABLE UNITS: 2-Bedroom and 3-Bedroom  
PRICE depends upon the type of unit  
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LOCATION: PUERTO RICO, close to Bank of Hawaii

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- Furnished unit
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LOCATION: SAN JOSE, right next to Roshi's Store (along Beach Rd)

AMENITIES:

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## New vehicle sales up 16 percent in Oct.

By MARK RABAGO  
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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

For only the second month this year, new vehicle sales posted an increase last month, with 42 units sold in October compared to 36 during the same period last year, according to the Commonwealth Auto Dealers Association.

Broken down, the 16-percent uptick includes 26 cars, eight sport utility vehicles, four trucks, and three vans, based on CADA's monthly sales and market share report.

Save for last month and June, when new car sales were up 35 percent, CADA figures are down the rest of the year.

CADA president Doug Brennan attributed the positive sales figures in October to Japan fi-

nally recovering from the triple disasters that also devastated automotive makers' manufacturing sites, especially in Sendai, in March.

"The disruption in parts and vehicle production caused by the Japan earthquake/tsunami/nuclear disaster caused quite a lull in the vehicle market. As parts and vehicle production facilities are coming back on line, more inventory is available," he said.

By dealerships, Microl Corp. sold 20 new vehicles last month compared to 11 a year ago, an 81.8-percent increase. The 20 vehicles sold translate to a 47.6-percent market share.

Joeten Motors sold the same number of vehicles last month at 14 units compared to October 2010—38.8 percent of all new

vehicle sales of CADA.

Triple J Motors sold eight cars in October 2011—three units off the 11 the dealer sold during the same month last year. That is a 27.7-percent drop in sales and a market share of 30.5 percent.

Brennan, who is also general manager for Microl Corp., said he doesn't actually look at last month's growth as an increase in sales.

"A better description would be a surge in customers who have been waiting patiently for the vehicles they want and are now able to purchase," he said.

Despite the positives for October 2011, year-to-date figures show that new vehicle sales are still down 27.4 percent, as CADA so far has only sold 363 units compared to 499 from January to October 2010.

at 237-3921 or 664-4100. (PR)

### Parents Take Over Day at MHS

Marianas High School will join thousands of school nationwide in celebrating the 90th Annual American Education Week on Nov. 13-19. As part of this celebration, MHS will be having a Parent Take Over Day on Friday, Nov. 18, to provide parents a first-hand look at what the school day is like for their child. For more information, call the school at 237-3206 by Nov. 14, 2011. (PR)

### No classes at Chacha on Nov. 3

Chacha Ocean View Jr. School is scheduled to have a professional development on Nov. 3 and will have no classes for all students on that day. For more information, contact the school



## Registration Information:

**Saipan: 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. - 13 Fisherman Pavilion**

**Tinian: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. - Tachogina Beach**

**Rota: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. - Dr. Rita Hocog Inos JSHS**

### AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF SAIPAN

If you care about the Commonwealth,  
Your job, your children,  
Your business or your pension

## PLEASE READ THIS LETTER!

Hafa Adai!

It is no secret that our government is running out of money. We need additional revenues, or the government will go bankrupt soon.

We already have had layoffs. Good people have lost their jobs. The 4-day workweek means that all regular government employees have been forced to take 20 percent pay cut. The teachers will be next. Without an additional source of funds, I predict the children of the CNMI will have a 4-day school week by the next school year.

In addition, we can expect more layoffs, and pensions will be put at risk. With less money in the hands of our people, private businesses will shut down and go bankrupt. We will become less and less attractive to tourist, which means even less revenue. And so it goes.

There is only one alternative to this gloomy picture, only one way to restore our economy. **We must have casinos on Saipan as soon as possible.**

Casinos will—

- Bring many more tourists
- Restore and expand airline routes
- Provide more well-paying private-sector jobs for local residents
- Bring back the 5-day workweek
- Secure our children's education
- Attract more investment
- End the layoffs
- Protect Pensions
- Restore the Earned Income Credit (EIC)

The choice is simple: keep doing, nothing, and see the final ruin of our hopes and dreams, or establish casinos on Saipan and revive our economy for a better life for ourselves and our children. There are no other choices.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Froilan Cruz Tenorio, Representative, Precinct 1



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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROVISION OF ARCHITECT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES  
RFQ12-GOV-002**

**702 CIP Project Managers**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Office of Capital Improvement (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting Statements of Qualifications from architect and engineers to provide project manager services for designated federally funded projects.

The Commonwealth has current needs for project manager services and is anticipating additional requirements during part of 2011 and 2012 fiscal year. Specific project assignments are dependent upon needs of the Commonwealth and may include oversight of: project planning; permitting; design; construction activities; and close-out.

Selected architects and engineers ("Project Managers") will be retained as independent contractors under the general supervision of the Contracting Officer or his designee. Project Managers will act as agent of the expenditure authority on assigned capital projects to ensure that identified objectives are achieved within: cost; time; and legal requirements; while maintaining effective stakeholder communications. Selected Project Managers will be retained on a one-year contract with an option to renew for an additional year at discretion of the Commonwealth.

Compensation for project manager services will be determined based on the required project management services for each assigned project. The Commonwealth will negotiate with selected Project Managers to determine the required scope of services for assigned responsibilities. Individuals or firms selected to serve as project managers would be precluded from providing any other services associated with the assigned project.

Interested parties may pick up the applicable scope of work and submittal requirements ("Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements") at the Office of Capital Improvement Program, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Monday through Friday, except holidays). Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the submittal requirements identified in the Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements. A pre-proposal conference is schedule for this RFQ on October 25, 2011 at 9 a.m. in the CIP Office Conference Room, Capitol Hill. All submitted documents must follow submittal requirements.

Selection of individuals for the provision of services shall be guided by the Commonwealth Department of Finance Division of Procurement & Supply, Procurement Regulations § 7070-30.3-305. Five copies of qualifications should be submitted to the Commonwealth Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 in a sealed envelope marked "Project Manager Qualifications RFQ12-GOV-002."

Qualifications must be received prior to 11AM ChST of November 15, 2011 ("Closing Date") from individuals or firms residing within the Commonwealth. Individuals or firms residing outside the Commonwealth may receive an additional five (5) calendar days from the Closing Date for receipt of their qualifications, upon filing a notice of intent to submit qualifications ("Notice of Intent") with the Division of Procurement & Supply by 11AM ChST November 23, 2011.

Notice of Intent may be transmitted in any of the following forms: direct delivery; transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515; or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com; however, the individual or firm transmitting a Notice of Intent bears all risk of proper functioning of equipment. For proposers located outside the CNMI who have filed a Notice of Intent, all required documents must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Services or the official government postal service of the foreign country no later than the Closing Date and must be received no later than five calendar days after the Closing Date.

Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated and scored based on the following factors:

1. Past experience as a project manager – 35%
2. References – 30%
3. Interview – 35%

Interviews will be conducted with the individuals who are determined to have the most appropriate qualifications for the needs of the Commonwealth. Architect and engineering firms may submit qualifications, however, they must identify qualifications of specific individuals who are to be considered for the provision of these services and evaluation of qualifications will be based on the experience, references, and interview of the designated individual.

This project is funded through grants from the United States Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) with local matching funds. Contract award is contingent upon approval from DOI.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the government. All submitted documents shall become the property of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Lieutenant Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director  
Procurement and Supply, DOF



**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**ADDENDUM NO. 1**

**10-25-11**

**RFQ12-GOV-002**

**Provisions of Architect and Engineering Services  
702 CIP Project Managers**

The previously advertised notice, Request for Qualification ("RFQ") for the **"Provisions of Architect and Engineering Services – 702 CIP Project Managers"** has been amended. The specific amendment is to the pre-proposal conference date. Amendment shall read:

*Interested parties may pick up the applicable scope of work and submittal requirements ("Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements") at the Office of Capital Improvement Program, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Monday through Friday, except holidays). Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the submittal requirements identified in the Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements. A pre-proposal conference is schedule for this RFQ on November 3, 2011 at 9 a.m. in the CIP Office Conference Room, Capitol Hill. All submitted documents must follow submittal requirements.*

All other elements of the RFQ remain as originally provided. For further information on this project, please contact the Capital Improvement Office, during working hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Monday through Friday, except holidays) or by contacting Mr. Carl Castro, Contracting Officer Technical Representative at (670)664-2371 or by fax at (670)664-2408.

**Man gets 90-day sentence for beating up his girlfriend**

Superior Court associate judge Perry B. Inos imposed a 90-day sentence on a man who beat up his girlfriend after a drinking session in Koblerville.

Inos on Monday sentenced Julio Litulumar Emangmai to three years in prison, all suspended except for 90 days, for assault with a dangerous weapon, with credit for time served. This means the 25-year-old Emangmai will no longer serve further jail time.

Emangmai was placed on probation for three years, ordered to pay a \$250 fine, \$100 court assessment fee, plus a probation fee, required to perform 200 hours of community service, and complete anger management counseling.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged him with assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. He pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon; the remaining charges were dismissed.

Emangmai beat up his girlfriend on Aug. 2, 2011, on Saipan.

Police officers responded to Alaguan Street in Koblerville at 5:23pm after police received a disturbance call. When two officers arrived at the house, they saw the victim on the ground.

The victim told police that Emangmai repeatedly slapped her and then hit her back several times with a broomstick. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

**Man beats up woman on Tinian**

A woman sustained multiple injuries Sunday after she was allegedly beaten up on Tinian by a man who is on probation for domestic violence on Saipan.

The victim was taken by ambulance to Tinian Health Center due to a laceration above the left eye. She complained of pain in the left ribcage and back.

The suspect, Joseph Naputi Borja, 27, was arrested for assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and contempt of court. The police report did not indicate the victim's relationship with Borja.

Borja's bail was set at \$10,000 cash. Preliminary hearing will be on Nov. 8 at 1:30pm.

According to the police report, the victim called 911 on Sunday at 10am to ask for help. When two police officers arrived at Borja's residence, they saw six children crying and yelling in the kitchen. The officers saw the victim lying in bed.

Borja allegedly told the officers that the victim fell and hit her forehead on a wood but one of the children told the officer that she saw Borja punching and kicking her mother. Police immediately arrested Borja.

Borja was sentenced in June to 20 days in prison for domestic violence on Saipan. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

**Flashback**  
A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

**Nov. 3, 2000**

**House to block legalization of abortion**

House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial put his foot down yesterday to any proposal that will change the constitutional provision banning abortion in the Northern Marianas amid renewed debate on the issue. He said the only legislation acceptable to the House leadership is one that will provide penalties against violation of that mandate, but added they have yet to consider enacting such measure. Under the CNMI Constitution, abortion is prohibited on the islands. The Legislature, however, can lift that ban. At present, there is no local statutory law that penalizes the practice here.

**ABE wants slice of Compact-Impact funds**

The Northern Marianas College Adult Basic Education Program is seeking a fair share to the \$1 million Compact-Impact appropriation delivered last week by Office of Insular Affairs Director Danny Aranza, noting that the public institution hosts approximately 27 percent of Micronesian students. ABE Director Fe Y. Calixterio expressed yesterday hopes the local government will not overlook NMC's adult literacy program as it also provides valuable services to students from the Freely Associated States. FAS students comprise about one-fourth of the overall NMC student population, according to Ms. Calixterio.

**Nov. 3, 2002**

**House wants govt buildings metered**

The House of Representatives is requesting the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to urgently install utility meters on all public offices, and do away with the flat rate charges currently imposed on the government for its power and water consumption. The House, expressing its preference for metered government offices, is convinced that the scheme would promote conservation of resources and lessen the government's deficit. Floor Leader Jesus T. Attao penned a resolution formalizing the request for the installation of utility meters, which the House adopted Wednesday. Attao underscored that part of the government's fiscal year 2002 deficit is attributed to the cost of government utilities consumption.

**MHS students raise funds for Japan trip**

With more than 10 weeks left before the Japan Cultural Exchange Program, 15 members of the Japan Club of the Marianas High School have launched efforts to raise an estimated \$13,000 for the scheduled trip in 2003. Club members began their weekly fundraising program at the Civic Center Pavilion Saturday to raise the needed amount that would take them to the much-awaited ski trip to Tokyo and Hokkaido, Japan, an exchange program expected to be joined by at least 13 MHS students. According to Japan Club adviser Maria Salas, the students hoped to generate the necessary money by selling baked goodies at the pavilion in the next few weeks. The students started their fundraising drive yesterday.

**Nov. 3, 2003**

**Education has bright economic promise'**

Gov. Juan N. Babauta is pleased with the Bank of Hawaii economic assessment report, which described higher education as a potential new industry that could rake in money for the Commonwealth. Babauta described the report by Wali Osman, PhD, BoH's Senior Fellow for the Pacific Economies at the East West Center, as an "excellent report," noting its recognition of the Pacific Gateway project as potential starting point for a new industry. "It institutionalizes the idea of the education industry," Babauta said. Osman had stated in the report that Saipan could become the educational center of the East Asian region. Pacific Gateway is a multi-million-dollar project by the Northern Marianas College geared towards attracting foreign students into the CNMI.

**BoR approves pay hike for instructors**

The Northern Marianas College Board of Regents approved Friday a \$150 across-the-board pay increase for faculty beginning spring 2004. The board said the increase is consistent with the goal of a 1999 pay hike resolution, which has not been implemented until next year. After a lengthy board discussion, which was attended by over 20 faculty members, the board decided against delaying the approval of the motion for its next meeting as proposed by some members and the management. In the end, the board ruled to go ahead with the implementation of the 1999 resolution (pay increase) on the condition that the increment would be limited to adjunct faculty and some full-time instructors who teach extra courses.



**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**  
**Office of the Secretary of Public Works**  
 2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**DPW/FHWA-12-RFP-001**

**PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR ROUTE 11 IMPROVEMENTS, Phase II, ROTA, Project No.CM-NH-0011(002)**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for the Preliminary Engineering Design for Route 11 Improvements, Phase II, on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available because its use is prohibited by Federal Law granting the funding for this project. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **\$70-30.3-305** of the regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing, and must have a Resident Engineer or Principal-In-Charge for the contract Information about the obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Florence C. Sablan, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

For any contract or subcontract related to engineering or design of a construction project funded in whole or in part with Federal-aid Highway funds, the bid or proposal submitted for the contract, is required to show what the indirect cost (overhead cost not associated with any one particular project defined under 48 CFR §31.203) associated with the project are, to state how the indirect cost figure was reached, and to certify (pursuant to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Order No. 4470.1A that they are allowable costs under 48 CFR §31.2.

The RFP Package and Scope of Work is available on or after **October 20, 2011** at the Department of Public Works, Office of the Secretary, 2nd Floor, Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai Saipan. A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Gualo Rai Commercial Building on **November 10, 2011**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, Building 1353, Mednilla Avenue Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **November 23, 2011**.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

*Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:*

1. Qualifications of the principal(s) and staff assigned to the project – 25%
2. Experience and past performance of the firm(s) on similar type projects – 25%
3. Project Approach – 20%
4. Schedule of Completion – 30%

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**DPW/FHWA-12-RFP-002**

**PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR TINIAN HAZARD ELIMINATION Project No. Route 21 CM-NH-0021(003), Route 24 CM-NH-0024(001), and Route 27 CM-NH-0027(001)**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for the Preliminary Engineering Design for Tinian Hazard Elimination on Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available because its use is prohibited by Federal Law granting the funding for this project. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **\$70-30.3-305** of the regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing, and must have a Resident Engineer or Principal-In-Charge for the contract Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Florence C. Sablan, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

For any contract or subcontract related to engineering or design of a construction project funded in whole or in part with Federal-aid Highway funds, the bid or proposal submitted for the contract, is required to show what the indirect cost (overhead cost not associated with any one particular project defined under 48 CFR §31.203) associated with the project are, to state how the indirect cost figure was reached, and to certify (pursuant to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Order No. 4470.1A that they are allowable costs under 48 CFR §31.2.

The RFP Package and Scope of Work is available on or after **October 20, 2011** at the Department of Public Works, Office of the Secretary, 2nd Floor, Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai Saipan. A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Gualo Rai Commercial Building on **November 10, 2011**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, Building 1353, Mednilla Avenue Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **November 23, 2011**.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

*Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:*

1. Qualifications of the principal(s) and staff assigned to the project – 25%
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3. Project Approach – 20%
4. Schedule of Completion – 30%

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**DPW/FHWA-12-RFP-003**

**PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR ROUTE 33 (BEACH ROAD) IMPROVEMENTS, Project No.CM-NH-0033 (023)**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for the Preliminary Engineering Design of Route 33 (Beach Road) Improvements on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available because its use is prohibited by Federal Law granting the funding for this project. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **\$70-30.3-305** of the regulations.

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**DPW11-IFB-005**

**ROUTE 31, CROSS ISLAND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II-B FEDERAL AID PROJECT NUMBER CM-NH-0031 (015)**



Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the CROSS ISLAND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, Phase II-B, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package consisting of Plans, Specifications and Bid Documents will be available on or after **October 20, 2011** at Pacific Quick Print & Post, located in Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, is required to defray the cost of printing the package.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118 is not available because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

A mandatory Pre-bid Conference is scheduled for **November 9, 2011 9:00 a.m.**, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), at the Department of Public Works, Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Gualo Rai Commercial Building, Saipan. After the pre-bid there will be a site visit for Route 31, Phase II-B. DPW encourages prospective bidders to see the existing condition and the complexity of the proposed project.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that the full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 1353 Mednilla Avenue, Capitol Hill, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who have obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgement of addendum, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each of the addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at 234-9828/38 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW11-IFB-005**". For bidder within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), **December 13, 2011**. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), **December 13, 2011**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to <a href="mailto:procurement@pticom.com

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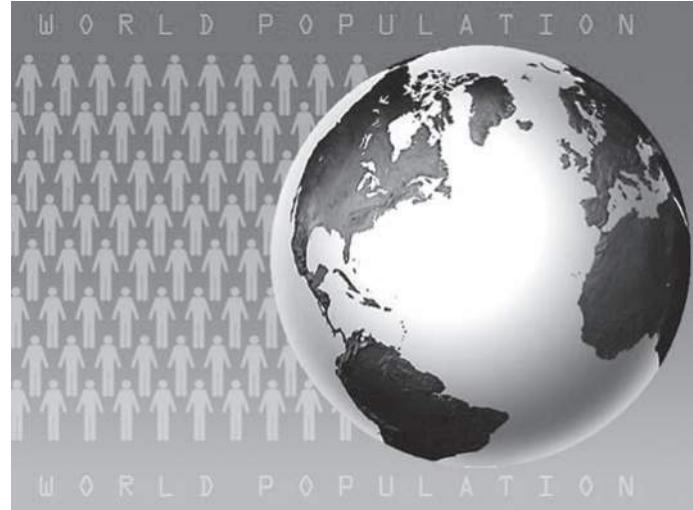
## A lot of people? Yes. Apocalypse? No

By DAVID LAM  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The United Nations has identified Monday as the day world population hit 7 billion. Many found the Halloween date appropriate given the frightening prospect of this demographic milestone. As if 7 billion weren't scary enough, the U.N. projects 10 billion people by 2083, the addition of roughly three more Indias.

But the parents of the 7-billionth person should not be afraid for their child's future. In spite of the daunting challenges facing the world, including global warming, rising food prices and a billion people in poverty, the 7-billionth child will almost surely have a better life than the 3-billionth or 6-billionth child.

How will the world cope with this many people? Consider what the world looked like in 1960, when the population hit 3 billion. Falling infant and child mortality caused population growth rates to surpass 2 percent per year in the 1960s, probably for the first time in history. At 2 percent growth, the world would double in 35 years,



and that is roughly what happened—world population grew to 6 billion in 1999. World population will not come close to doubling again in 39 years. Indeed, it may never double again. Fertility has fallen rapidly, with many developing countries at or near the replacement fertility rate of 2.1. The world's population growth rate has been falling since its peak in the 1960s, and we may never get much above the 10.1 billion people projected for 2100.

So we've just been through the fastest population growth the world will ever see. It's a good time to look back and see how the world survived it.

There were gloomy predictions in the 1960s about the consequences of rapid population growth, the most famous appearing in Paul Ehrlich's 1968 book, "The Population Bomb." He wrote that "the battle to feed humanity is already lost, in the sense that we will not be able to prevent large-scale famines in the next decade."

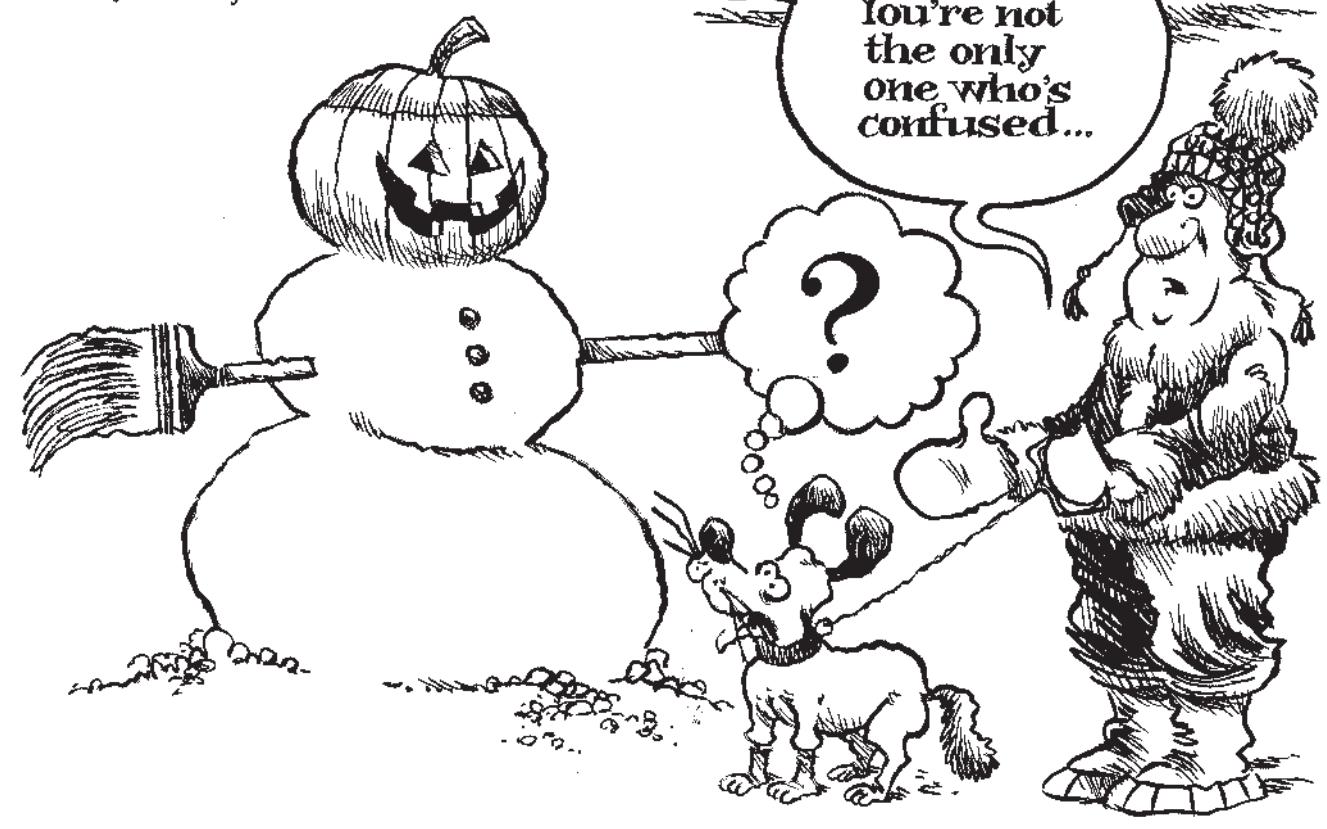
Happily, Ehrlich was wrong. World food production grew faster than population during the last 50 years. Food production per person in 2009 was 41 percent higher than in 1961.

No country generated more fear about overpopulation than India. But food production there has grown faster than population since the Green Revolution of the late 1960s. Food production per person in India today is 37 percent higher than in 1961, although there are 2.6 times more people.

Although there are still serious problems with food distribution and malnutrition, we have done remarkably well at feeding the extra 4 billion people added since 1960. This should make us optimistic

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## A presidential cast of comics, magicians and a burlesque act

Let me set the scene: It's a few weeks ago in a scruffy backstage dressing room, and all the Republican presidential hopefuls are there.

But rather than preparing to go onstage in front of television cameras for another debate, they are getting ready to perform their acts for a restless, rowdy audience gathered for a raunchy burlesque show.

The newcomer is Gov. Rick Perry, who has faltered in previous appearances and can't seem to get his act together. The experienced bump-and-grinders decide to give the new kid a few pointers.

Herman Cain, the ever-loving crowd pleaser with the most musical talent, then bursts into song:

"You can pull all the stops out

"Till they call the cops out,

"Grind your behind till you're banned,

"But you gotta get a gimmick

"If you want to get a hand."

A few others—Mitt Romney, Michele Bachmann, Ron Paul and Newt Gingrich—take turns urging Perry to revolutionize his dance and quickly get a gimmick "if you want to have a chance."

Many of you recognize those bawdy lyrics from the 1960s-era musical, "Gypsy," based on the life of famed striptease artist Gypsy Rose Lee.

The above scene came to mind last week as Perry teased America with a promised revelation of a new flat tax plan. After all, master dancer Cain's "9-9-9" gimmick seemed to be working for him.

By the time the governor got around to revealing his "optional" tax proposal, however, the burlesque audience that was expecting to see a little more flesh was disappointed as the act fell as flat as a web-footed performer singing off-key.

So, like the trouper he has proved to be, Perry began refining his act, calling in more coaches to help and vowing to put in more rehearsal time.

That flat tax plan is a bad idea, just as it was when Perry supporter (and now mentor) Steve Forbes touted it in his presidential bids of 1996 and 2000. Except Perry's proposal is worse. It does not eliminate the current tax code; instead, he wants to give taxpayers a choice between it and his flat 20 percent rate, with certain exceptions. Not to mention it would never raise sufficient revenue.

But it is a gimmick, one that resonates with some supporters. I would not be surprised if some form of it ended up in the Republi-



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can platform next year even if Perry is not the nominee.

I don't want to pick on just the governor. Politics overall is a touring company of gimmicks, flashy production numbers with a little sleight of hand or fancy footwork thrown in.

They all do it. Romney's role of "staying above the fray" is not playing to great applause, but it keeps him on the stage. Gingrich displays a know-it-all attitude, condescending demeanor and a gift of gab that suits his lame-scripted "Contract with America." Paul touts his Libertarian "no-big-government" mantra while providing comic relief, and Bachmann, a Sarah Palin understudy, continues to wave her staunch conservative values along with her flag and Bible.

President Barack Obama also has a bag of tricks. It just so happens that because of his position, he's already escaped burlesque and made it to Broadway.

As the old folks used to say, he's selling tickets; the only question is, "To what show?"

I'd like to hope that as the campaign heads into the early primaries—and they'll be earlier than usual next year—we could get past the showmanship and get to some real substance.

This is a crucial time for the country, so we don't need circus acts, fan dancers or magicians pulling rabbits out of hats. We need serious discussions of the issues, realistic recommendations for solutions and a public that will demand a presidential campaign that rises above superficiality and the gutter.

In the meantime, please cue songman Herman Cain for the final words:

"You can sacrifice your sacro  
"Working in the back row,  
"Bump in a dump till you're dead!  
"Kid, you gotta get a gimmick  
"If you want to get ahead."

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**Letters to the Editor**

## Unanswered questions

Has anyone thought through what the consequences would be if all foreign workers without USCIS-approved status actually left island by Nov. 27, 2011—as they are being told they should? What if, after that date, a new business—a store or restaurant—wanted to open? What if, after that date, a businessman decided to add a new service and needed more workers? What if, after that date, a school found itself short of teachers and needed two more? An employee decided to get married, and be a stay-at-home rather than continue working? Someone had a stroke, and needed a caregiver? A contractor found he needed more construction workers? Someone got tired of trying to keep his/her own books and wanted to hire an accountant? Where would they find the needed worker(s)?

Theoretically, after that date those employers could hire a local resident, or someone from FSM, Marshalls, or Palau. But what if that didn't work? What if none of them qualified for the positions?

If all the foreign workers who did not have an approved status left island by Nov. 27, 2011, the amorphous multi-faceted labor pool that is now available in the CNMI would no longer exist. It will have disappeared—because the USCIS rules say that anyone other than local residents, those from the FSM, the Marshalls or Palau, who does not have a legitimate “status”—and that means a job, or parole—is not eligible to remain on island. (Foreign workers who are spouses of legitimate residents may stay, but they are not, *per se*, eligible for so-called CW-1 status, which would enable them to work.)

One would have to find a recruiting agency and start the lengthy, laborious—and costly—process of trying to hire someone, sight unseen, from elsewhere—presumably the Philippines. Has anyone thought through what that means? Not only to local businesses but, even more importantly, perhaps to new businesses interested in establishing themselves in the CNMI? Would anyone even be willing to start a new business here, if s/he was not able to interview applicants here, in person?

It is true that the USCIS has said that it will not immediately deport everyone who is not working and does not have the “right” paperwork. There is something called the “Morton memo,” which says the USCIS will give priority to deporting “undesirables” instead. There is also the reassurance from former Immigration and

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about feeding the 3 billion more to be added in the next 70 years.

Increased food supply is one reason that children around the world today are the healthiest ever born. An Indian baby born in 2011 has almost double the probability of surviving the first year of life as a baby born in 1960.

The 7-billionth child will also be better educated than a child born in 1960. Big increases in education in the developing world are one of the most impressive accomplishments of the last 50 years, especially given unprecedented growth of school-age populations. Only about one-third of Indian girls born in 1960 completed primary school, compared with about three-fourths of those born in 1990. For an Indian girl born in 2011 the rate will be even higher.

The probability that a child will grow up in poverty has been going down. For developing countries as a whole, the percentage living below the World Bank's \$1.25-per-day poverty line fell from 50 percent in 1981 to 25 percent in 2005. India's poverty rate fell from 60 percent in 1981 to 42 percent in 2005 and can be expected to keep falling.

Not all countries have done as well as India. But even in sub-Saharan Africa, the region with the poorest economic performance, poverty rates have fallen, education has increased and food production per person has been rising (albeit slowly) since the 1980s.

None of this is meant to deny the enormous challenges we face. We survived the population bomb through hard work and creativity, and we will need more of it to continue to feed the world and reduce poverty. But the remarkable experience of the last 50 years teaches us that we should not be afraid to celebrate the birth of the 7-billionth child.

David Lam is a professor of economics at the University of Michigan and president of the Population Association of America. He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

Naturalization general attorney Loida N. Lewis that no one can be deported without the due process of a legal hearing. And the reassurance from other off-island immigration lawyers that such workers have “numerous legal relief available to them”—lawyers, it should be noted, that may be experts in their field but may not be all that familiar with the provisions of the CNRA and immigration law as it applies to the CNMI.

With that encouragement, maybe not all foreign workers without jobs, without legal status, will leave the CNMI. But those that stay would still face the risk that when their turn came for a legal hearing, they would be told that because they have overstayed beyond the limits of their previous permits, they would be barred from returning to any U.S. soil for years. There is some hope that Kilili's House bill, H.R. 1466, may eventually pass the U.S. Congress and give status to some long-term workers. Those, perhaps, can justify their staying on despite the expiration of their permits. But what about the many others not covered by this bill? What can they offer as justification for ignoring the deadlines? Some of them will no doubt stay as well, just hoping. But it's a terrible position to put them in. And, technically speaking, couldn't those who hire these workers be themselves found guilty of conspiring to break the law?

The simplest way to ensure that the necessary labor pool continues to be available to all who may need workers from here on out would be to allow workers already here to remain here. That, of course, brings up the concern that if such workers are jobless, they would become a drain on the social services the CNMI provides to those in need. But in general, foreign workers who have been on island for many years have developed their own support

## A lesson in history

To those not aware and totally unfamiliar with what took place before the making and signing of our unique Covenant with the United States, there is a huge difference between demanding and using false humanitarian issues as a reason for one's agenda. In 1986, we the people of the Commonwealth woke up as American citizens. Yes, I woke up an American and proud of it. How it happened is really simple: 78.8 percent of our people including my parents, grandparents, uncles, and aunties voted “yes” to becoming a member of the American family, a destiny that would forever change our future. Our people did not demand, protest, hold vigils, and so forth. Instead we were afforded the opportunity to choose. A “yes” or “no” answer was all it took. Through negotiations after negotiations between our government and the United States, we became what we are today, American citizens. Look it up, it's in the books.

**Gregorio Cruz**  
Phoenix, Arizona

## To my detractors

When I grow up, I just want to be like those people who write negative comments in our local newspapers. Reading your comments only makes me stronger. It shows that even if my stuff is not worthy, you read it anyway. Gotcha! I want to be like Mitch Westland (if that's your real name) if I grow up. I do hope one day I would be a student in your class, that is, if teaching's your profession. What's the matter? The U.S. is too good for you, that's why you're here? I admit though, that I rushed my article without proofreading but never have I used a ghostwriter or asked anyone for assistance for that matter. And at times I do forget to put the “i's” before the “e's.” At least I have the marbles to express my thoughts without using a fictitious name. That's if you are using one, are you? Commenting on every news article rather than sharing ideas to move the Commonwealth forward is useless, if not pointless, if you don't put your teaching credentials to good use. Just a friendly advice. Anyway, I got my point across, whether you like it or not and that's the bottom line. I thank you for taking the time to grade me and allowing me to take corrective measures in the future. Just one of those local boys with limited talents. Mr. Westland, can you grade this article or anyone else's writing? Again, thanks for your constructive criticism and perhaps someday I could bring my writings to your attention for some editing. Over coffee of course!

**Vince G. Cabrera**  
Chalan Piao, Saipan

systems, their own infrastructure of help and support. There are not all that many to begin with, and if they were allowed to stay and work, there wouldn't be that many without jobs of one sort or another in any case.

The CNMI's need for foreign workers is real. There simply are not enough warm bodies to fill all the positions available. Moreover, some of the warm bodies are not willing to take on some of those positions; others lack the skills, the training, the expertise. Hence the need for a supplementary work force. The current USCIS regulations do not accommodate this situation. They do not take into consideration the simple math involved. Nor are they at all flexible. Once every foreign worker on island has an approved status, USCIS seems to believe the “problem” will be cured. The regulations contain no provisions for changes in circumstances.

The USCIS does not have the authority, under the CNRA, to provide for improved status for foreign workers. It can only deal providing a guest worker in the Commonwealth with lawful nonimmigrant status during the “transition period.” It will take an act of the U.S. Congress to properly solve the CNMI's problem.

In the meantime, perhaps the USCIS should postpone—for at least six months—the effective date of its new regulations until more of the wrinkles get ironed out. Or lift some of the restrictions on who may work and under what conditions. Or broaden who is eligible for parole. Or...? Right now, its staff is so beleaguered that one cannot even get an InfoPass—the only way available to talk to USCIS personnel on island.

**Ruth Tighe**  
Tanapag, Saipan

## Participate in casino survey

To all government employees, retirees, surviving spouse, and unemployed citizens of Saipan: The CNMI government is broke, the retirement program is in the intensive care unit, and the economy is at its worst.

I would like to ask all who will be affected to come out and cast your vote on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, at the following locations: NMC building “D,” the multi-purpose building, the Legislature building, and the Kagman Community Center, to show your support and concerns about the affected programs above. The survey is to hear your sentiment whether we need casinos to revive our economy or not. As your public servant, we strive to bring in fresh money into the CNMI. The casino industry in the Asian market is blooming and we strongly believe that it will help our ailing economy.

Please go to the locations listed above and participate in the survey. Your future is in your hands. Thank you and may God continue to bless us all as we strive to make our Islands prosperous and safe.

**Rep. Joseph M. Palacios**  
17th Legislature  
Capital Hill, Saipan

## Apology

Dear people of the CNMI and CUC: I am writing this letter to ask you, the people of CNMI, to forgive me for my mistake. I tampered with a CUC meter to gain a benefit for myself and not pay my bills like everybody else. I realize and understand that what I have done is wrong and it brought shame to myself and my family. I didn't really mean to do this but I was so desperate when I was a jobless from 2006 to 2010, and now my mistake has been very hard and difficult for my life. I am serving my seven years of probation and paying all my penalties. I am currently serving time on probation for the mistake that I have done to CUC. Now that I have a job, I promise to keep my job and to respect other property and I want to move on with my life and start all over again. I feel shame and I regret what I did and am asking you again to please forgive me. Thank you very much for your time and understanding and I promise this will never happen again.

**Francisco M. Sanchez**  
Kagman III, Saipan

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 78
Palau	Rain	▲ 87 ▼ 78
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 76
Pohnpei	Rain	▲ 83 ▼ 73
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 88 ▼ 76
Majuro	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 77

### Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲ 65 ▼ 58
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 56 ▼ 45
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 76
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 75
London	Showers	▲ 62 ▼ 56
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 50
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 80
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 63 ▼ 50
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 81 ▼ 69
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲ 58 ▼ 39
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 75 ▼ 62
Paris	Showers	▲ 63 ▼ 54
Pusan	Showers	▲ 71 ▼ 62
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲ 74 ▼ 55
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 57 ▼ 41
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 74 ▼ 51
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲ 73 ▼ 56
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲ 73 ▼ 56
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 61 ▼ 41

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			Sunrise/Sunset		Moonrise/Moonset		
12:01 AM	Today	High Tide: 1.5 Feet	Today	6:14 AM	5:47 PM	Today	12:48 PM
7:34 AM	Today	Low Tide: 0.1 Feet	Friday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM	Friday	1:27 PM
2:59 PM	Today	High Tide: 1.8 Feet	Saturday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM	Saturday	2:05 PM
9:04 PM	Today	Low Tide: 1.0 Feet	Sunday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM	Sunday	2:41 PM
			Monday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM	Monday	2:21 PM
							3:17 PM
							3:07 PM

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 5, 2011

### DEPARTURES

#### GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

C05062 2:20am 2:50am 1, 5

#### SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)

C05064 4:25am 5:00am 1, 5

#### SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

C05070 4:25am 5:15am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7

C05064 4:25am 6:00am 1, 5 via ROP

5K384 7:20am 8:10am 2, 6

C05068 7:55am 8:45am 3, 6

C05068 8:30am 9:20am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

C05074 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7

C05076 3:05pm 3:55pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

5K386 5:50pm 6:40pm 3, 4, 7

C05078 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily

5K382 9:20pm 10:10pm 1, 5

C05072 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily

### ARRIVALS

#### ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

C05064 5:30am 6:00am 1, 5

#### ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)

C05062 3:20am 3:55am 1, 5

#### GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

C05062 2:20am 3:55am 1, 5 via ROP

C05069 2:45am 3:35am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7

5K387 6:30am 7:20am 1, 3, 4, 5, 7

C05071 6:35am 7:25am 3, 6

C05071 7:00am 7:50am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

C05073 10:05am 10:55am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

C05075 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7

C05077 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily

5K383 6:30pm 7:20pm 2, 6

C05079 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily

#### SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)

5K212 8:20am 10:55am 4, 7

#### SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287 6:05am 8:45am Daily

DL297 4:35pm 7:15pm Daily

#### SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

0Z606 2:20am 6:00am 1

0Z606 2:50am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

0Z604 3:30pm 7:00pm 2, 4, 6, 7

#### SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6

#### SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648 6:05am 8:30am 1, 5

#### SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

0Z606/701 2:20am 11:15am 1 via ICN

0Z606/701 2:50am 11:15am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

DL172/288 7:55am 12:35am+1 Daily via NRT

C05070/191 4:25am 9:45am 3, 6 via GUM

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# TSL Foundation offers 5 scholarship slots for NMC students

The Tan Siu Lin Foundation will be providing scholarships to 10 students of the Northern Marianas College as part ongoing efforts to promote higher education among CNMI students.

The Tan Siu Lin Foundation Scholarship program will provide \$1,000 per scholarship recipient that can be applied for the spring and/or summer 2012 semesters. The scholarships will be awarded to five full-time students pursuing an associate in Applied Science degree in Hospitality Management, and five full-time students pursuing

other degrees at NMC. In addition to hospitality management, the college offers degrees in business, liberal arts, nursing, natural resources management, criminal justice, and education.

"The scholarship is aimed at helping students in the CNMI pursue their education at the Northern Marianas College," said TSL Foundation president and chief of operations Jerry Tan. "We need to continue building our local workforce with skilled and knowledgeable individuals and this scholarship is one of the ways the Tan Siu

Lin Foundation is advancing that objective."

The Tan Holdings Foundation was formed in 2002 and was renamed after the company's founder and chairman, Dr. Tan Siu Lin. Through the years, the Tan Siu Lin Foundation has launched initiatives and built trusted partnerships with a diverse array of individuals, families, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies. These partners represent many different backgrounds and income levels. The main mission of the organization

is to better serve the regions in which they operate thus making the communities a better place to live in.

"The Tan Siu Lin Foundation has been a strong supporter of the Northern Marianas College for many years," said acting NMC president Galvin Deleon Guerrero. "This scholarship program goes a long way in helping our students reach their educational and professional goals."

The scholarships are based on merit and will be awarded to the recipient on the basis of the candidate's community involve-

ment, academic background, and letters of recommendation. The essay and interview will also play a key role in the final selection of scholarship recipients.

The deadline for submitting applications for the Tan Siu Lin

Foundation Scholarship is Nov. 30, 2011. Applications and additional information will be available for download on [www.nmcnet.edu](http://www.nmcnet.edu), or by contacting the NMC Financial Aid Office at 234-5498 Ext. 1527. (NMC)

## Medicare Part D for the man'amko

Many man'amko are feeling the pressure of a tight economy but there is good news. It is now open enrollment for Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. Part D is available for those man'amko who have active Medicare Part A and B coverage. Medicare Part A covers hospitalization and Part B covers physician visits.

"We're happy to announce that, to date, 14 of our man'amko have been successfully enrolled into AARP Medicare Part D for prescription drug coverage, and more enrollments are expected to be completed within the next week," said Raena Celis, Brabu Pharmacy's customer service specialist. "We've helped almost 30 people complete the enrollment application so far. We hope to help more before enrollment ends on Dec. 7."

"Part D coverage for new enrollees will begin Jan. 1, 2012. The premium for most applicants will be \$17.10 per month, for those older than 65 years of age and just joining, it may cost a bit more," explained Ted Parker, Brabu Pharmacy co-owner.

"We want to assist our patients to enroll because many have told us their problems with trying to call a Medicare representative or trying to enroll online. Some simply gave up."

Man'amko wishing to enroll in AARP Medicare Part D are invited to visit Brabu Pharmacy and Wellness Center, open Monday through Friday 9am to 6pm, and on Saturdays, from 9am to 1pm. The enrollment process is free and takes only a few minutes.

"It's well worth your time if you would like to lower your co-pay for prescription drugs," said Parker, "People taking generic drugs for diabetes or high blood pressure maintenance can expect their co-pays to lower to \$6 for a 30-day supply, or go down to zero if they have dual insurances."

If you would like to learn more, Brabu Pharmacy invites you to call 233-AMOT (2668), or stop by their store in Gualo Rai. "We're here to help. Brabu is committed to helping the community's total wellbeing." (Brabu)



### FACILITATORS TRAINING

The Division of Youth Services completes a facilitators training for DYS staff and members of the community who would assist in facilitating group sessions for the *Parents Anonymous, Inc., CNMI*. *Parents Anonymous, Inc.* is a national organization dedicated to prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect by strengthening families all around the world. DYS spearheads this organization in the CNMI. Parents enrolled in the program meet weekly in a support group to share common concerns and challenges as parents. It is free of charge to participants. The training was held on Oct. 22, 2011.

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## Nomination open for ESGR's 2012 Employer Support Freedom Award

### » Guard and Reserve members encouraged to nominate supportive employers

ARLINGTON, Va.—Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, or ESGR, a Department of Defense agency, is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. The Freedom Award is the DoD's highest award for civilian employers supporting Guard and Reserve members.

The DoD encourages all Guard and Reserve members to nominate employers who have provided exceptional support of their military service. Nominations may be submitted by service members, or a family member acting on their behalf, at [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil) through January 16, 2012.

"Employers who go above and beyond in their support of Guard and Reserve members are providing a tremendous service to our country; they are contributing to the resiliency and peace of mind of the more than one million men and women who stand ready to serve when our nation's calls on them," said David McGinnis, acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. "Guard and Reserve members who feel their employers have gone the extra mile in

supporting their military service should nominate them for the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award to show their appreciation and highlight their support as an example for others to follow."

With employer support acknowledged as a critical component of our national defense, ESGR enhanced the nomination website this year to help guide nominators in capturing the most important details of their employers' support.

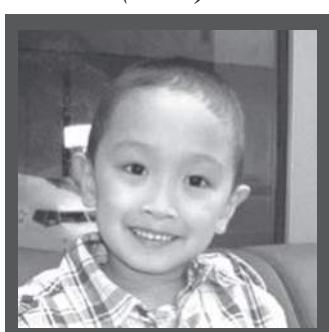
Previous recipients garnered recognition for supportive measures including organizing colleagues to provide dinners to a deployed employee's family, covering extra shifts during an employee's military training, taking a deployed service member's children to sports practices and other family events, and establishing robust military support networks.

There were 19 nominations on Guam and in the CNMI last year. Three local employers, Galaide Group, LLC, Hilton Guam Resort and Spa and the CNMI Public School System were named as Semifinalists, or Top 148 of the over 4,049 nominations nationwide.

The Top Fifteen Employers of 2012 will be announced by early summer and honored in Washington, D.C. during a special ceremony early next fall.

The Freedom Award was instituted in 1996 under the auspices of ESGR to recognize exceptional support from the employer community. In the years since, 160 employers have been honored with the award.

For questions regarding the Freedom Award, visit [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil) or contact Capt. Josephine Blas at (671) 735-0456 in Guam or Janice Tenorio at (670) 483-6309 in the CNMI. (ESGR)



### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 7th birthday to Robin Kyle Manansala! Wishing you a birthday filled with fun and joy. God bless! Greetings come from Queen Anne, Daphne, Keeno, and Louis!

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## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-12-002

Water & Wastewater Laboratory Services

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from DEQ certified firms to provide laboratory services for the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package and Scope-of-Work may be obtained, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **November 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

**One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-12-002, CUC Water & Wastewater Laboratory Services", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 28, 2011 at 10:00 AM, (ChST)**. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before the submission deadline. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

Offerors will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 17, 2011** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - [msablan@cucgov.net](mailto:msablan@cucgov.net); Janina Muna, Administrative Assistant, Procurement & Supply via email [mika.muna@cucgov.org](mailto:mika.muna@cucgov.org) with a copy to Heidi Yelin, CUC Laboratory Manager via email [cuclabman@yahoo.com](mailto:cuclabman@yahoo.com)

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all offers and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

**ABE UTU MALAE**  
Executive Director

# Business

## Pacific countries to benefit from coconut processing manual

**SUVA, Fiji**—A new coconut processing manual published by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community will assist community-based producers in the Pacific to improve the quality of their value-added coconut products to meet international market requirements.

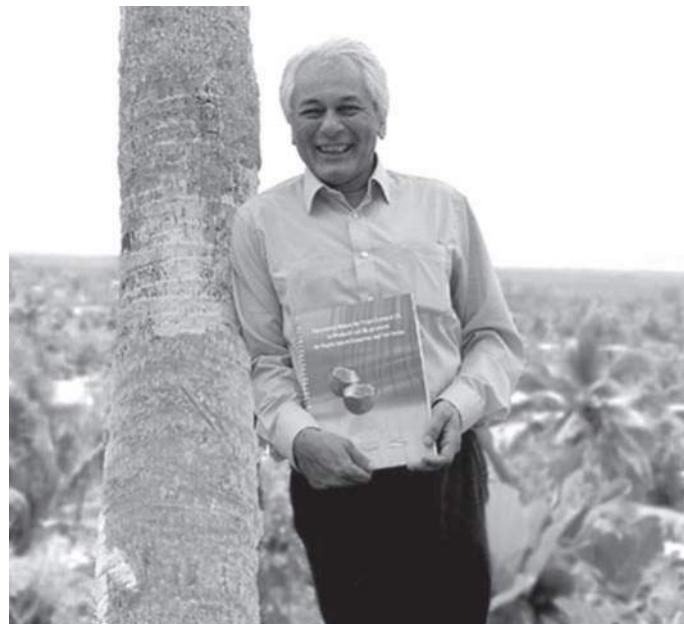
The *Processing Manual for Virgin Coconut Oil, its Products and By-products for Pacific Island Countries and Territories* by Divina D. Bawalan was launched earlier this week at a meeting for Pacific agricultural stakeholders in Nadi, Fiji.

The production and printing of the manual was made possible through the support of the European Union.

Launching the manual, Vinay Chand, a leading United Kingdom-based consultant on coconut processing and marketing said, "This manual is intended as a primary source of practical knowledge on the proper handling and processing of fresh coconuts to ensure that virgin coconut oil (VCO) and its by-products will be produced to meet and possibly exceed international standards."

Virgin coconut oil from the Pacific is being exported to Europe, Australia, New Zealand and United States markets.

"One of the concerns with producing VCO on a home, micro and village scale operation (especially for home consumption and domestic markets) is achieving a product with consistently good quality that will meet international standards and will always be fit for human



SPC

Vinay Chand, a leading United Kingdom-based consultant on coconut processing and marketing, holds a copy of the new virgin coconut oil processing manual published by SPC.

consumption," said Chand.

"It is envisioned that the manual will lead to a better understanding of coconut oil and its quality parameters so that VCO processors can easily respond to the queries of their buyers," he added.

The purest form of coconut oil, VCO has been generating a lot of interest in coconut-producing countries as well as importing nations because of its multi-functional uses and the way it can be produced at different production levels. VCO production offers an opportunity for the Pacific region's coconut farmers to increase their income with this alternative to low value copra production.

Aside from presenting VCO processing technologies spe-

cifically suited to Pacific Island countries and territories, or PICTs, the manual covers options for the processing of coconut shell, water from mature coconuts and coconut milk residue, which are by-products of VCO processing.

It also includes the processing of VCO-based downstream products such as herbal soap, aromatherapy oils and herbal lotions, using aromatic plants available in the Pacific.

The manual is a more focused version of the *Virgin coconut oil production manual for micro and village scale processing* published by the Food and Agriculture Organization Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in 2006. It was co-authored

by Divina D. Bawalan, previously a senior science research specialist with the Philippine Coconut Authority, and Keith R. Chapman, formerly an industrial crops officer at FAO's Asia-Pacific office.

In the course of conducting VCO training courses in PICTs since 2006, Bawalan discovered that one of the simplest micro/home scale VCO processing technologies that was developed in the Philippines and documented in the FAO VCO manual does not actually work well in the Pacific region. This may be due to the differences in coconut variety, coconut harvesting procedures, and other factors.

As a result, for every training course conducted by Bawalan in a Pacific country, modifications to the process were made, adapting it to the particular conditions of each country.

In 2009, a roundtable meeting held in Nadi, Fiji discussed the state of the art of coconut processing and market prospects of coconut products in Pacific countries. Organized by SPC and the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community, the meeting highlighted the need for PICTs to focus on the production of high value coconut products.

Consequently, SPC's Land Resources Division, which is mandated to improve the food and nutritional security of the Pacific community, arranged for Bawalan to adapt her 2006 manual to Pacific conditions through its European Union-funded Facilitating Agricultural Trade

project. Copies of the book are available through the European Union-funded Facilitating Agricultural Commodity Trade proj-

ect, based in the Land Resources Division of SPC. Electronic editions can be downloaded at [www.spc.int/lrd](http://www.spc.int/lrd). (SPC)

## Greece's Papandreu toughs out pledge for a referendum

**ATHENS, Greece** (AP)—Greece's prime minister held firm early Wednesday to his shock decision to call for a referendum on a hard-fought European debt deal, despite anger from abroad, market turmoil across the world and dissent from within his own party.

George Papandreu's government still faced a battle for survival, with a vote of confidence scheduled for Friday and a grilling from frustrated European leaders expected later in the day ahead of the Group of 20 summit in the French Riviera.

After a grueling seven-hour Cabinet meeting that finished after 3 a.m. (0100GMT), government spokesman Ilias Mosialos said Papandreu's ministers expressed "total support for the initiatives taken by the prime minister." He said the referendum would be held "as soon as possible."

However, government officials said two ministers still had strong reservations with the idea of a referendum, which will be the first in Greece since the country voted to abolish the monarchy in 1974. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to reveal details of the Cabinet meeting.

Papandreu told his ministers that putting the issue to the Greek people was the only way to safeguard the European deal.

"We will not implement any program by force, but only with the consent of the Greek people," he said. "This is our democratic tradition and we demand that it is also respected abroad."

A referendum, he said, "will be a clear mandate, and a clear

message within and outside of Greece, about our European course and our participation in the euro," he said, according to a text of his speech to the meeting issued by his office.

"The dilemma is not 'this government or another one', the dilemma is 'yes or no to the agreement', 'yes or no to Europe', 'yes or no to the euro,'" he said.

World markets were hammered after Papandreu's surprise Monday night announcement amid fears the vote could unravel a deal which took European leaders months of complex negotiations among themselves and with banks to reach.

Greece's general price index plunged to close down 6.92 percent, while in Germany the Dax index, the major stock market average, lost 5 percent - the equivalent of about 600 points on the Dow. The French stock market closed down 5.4 percent, the Italian 6.7 percent and London 2.2 percent. The Dow Jones industrial average finished down nearly 300 points, or 2.5 percent.

European leaders made no secret of their displeasure.

"This announcement surprised all of Europe," said a clearly annoyed French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who has been scrambling to save face for Europe before he hosts leaders of the G20 major world economies beginning Thursday.

"Giving the people a say is always legitimate, but the solidarity of all countries of the eurozone cannot work unless each one consents to the necessary efforts," he said.

## Bank of America backs down on \$5 debit card fee

Bank of America Corp. is scrapping its plan to charge a \$5 monthly fee for debit card purchases after outraged customers threatened an exodus.

The about-face comes as customers across the country petitioned the bank and mobilized to close their accounts in favor of credit unions and community banks. The outcry prompted other major banks, including JP Morgan Chase & Co. and Wells Fargo & Co., to cancel trial tests of their own debit card fees.

Bank of America, the nation's second largest bank, said it reversed course after listening to customers. Anne Pace, a spokeswoman for Bank of America, declined to say whether there

was a spike in account closures following the September announcement that it would start charging the fee early next year.

Higher fees have become a fact of life for bank customers in recent years. But this one touched a nerve because it hit so close to home; many Americans have come to rely on debit cards to manage essential expenses such as groceries and gas.

At the same time, there's still lingering resentment over the role that banks played in the 2008 financial meltdown and the ongoing home foreclosure crisis. That anger has come to surface in recent weeks with the Occupy Wall Street movement. (AP)



United Continental Holdings Inc. hosts its first sales and marketing meeting in Guam on Oct. 26-27, at the Outrigger Guam Resort and Hyatt Regency Guam.

# Nation

## Draft report: The future holds more extreme weather

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—For a world already weary of weather catastrophes, the latest warning from top climate scientists paints a grim future: More floods, more heat waves, more droughts and greater costs to deal with them.

A draft summary of an international scientific report obtained by The Associated Press says the extremes caused by global warming could eventually grow so severe that some locations become “increasingly marginal as places to live.”

The report from the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change marks a change in climate science, from focusing on subtle shifts in average temperatures to concentrating on the harder-to-analyze freak events that grab headlines, hurt economies and kill people.

“The extremes are a really noticeable aspect of climate change,” said Jerry Meehl, senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. “I think people realize that the extremes are where we are going to see a lot of the impacts of climate change.”

### Family: Hillary Clinton's mother dies at 92

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Dorothy Rodham, mother of Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and former President Bill Clinton's mother-in-law, died Tuesday at age 92 after an illness.

The family said Rodham died shortly after midnight, surrounded by her family at a Washington hospital. The secretary of state had cancelled a planned trip to London and Istanbul to be at her mother's side.



Rodham

In a statement, the Clinton family hailed Rodham as a woman who “overcame abandonment and hardship as a young girl to become the remarkable woman she was—a warm, generous and strong woman; an intellectual; a woman who told a great joke and always got the joke; an extraordinary friend and, most of all, a loving wife, mother and grandmother.”

President Barack Obama praised Rodham as a “remark-

able person” who also was “strong, determined and gifted.”

“For her to have been able to live the life that she did and to see her daughter succeed at the pinnacle of public service in this country I'm sure was deeply satisfying to her,” Obama said after signing an executive order in the Oval Office. “My thoughts, Michelle's thoughts, the entire White House's thoughts go out to the entire Clinton family. I know that she will be remembered as somebody who helped make a difference in this country and this world.”

In fact, the report says, “for

parts of the Southwest—could also happen more often as the world warms, said Schmidt and Meehl, who reviewed part of the climate panel report.

Studies have not yet specifically tied global warming to the continuing drought, but it is consistent with computer models that indicate current climate trends will worsen existing droughts, Meehl said.

Scientifically connecting a weather disaster with global warming is a complicated and time-consuming task that can take more than a year and involve lots of computer calculations.

Researchers have also predicted more intense monsoons with climate change. Warmer air can hold more water and impart more energy to weather systems, changing the dynamics of storms and where and how they hit.

Thailand is now coping with massive flooding from monsoonal rains—an event that illustrates how climate is also connected with other manmade issues such as population growth, urban development and river management, Schmidt said.

In fact, the report says, “for

some climate extremes in many regions, the main driver for future increases in losses will be socioeconomic” rather than a result of greenhouse gases.

The panel was formed by the United Nations and World Meteorological Organization. In the past, it has discussed extreme events in snippets in its report.



AP In this Aug. 16, 2011 file photo, a buoy sits high and dry at Benbrook Lake in Benbrook, Texas.

But this time, the scientists are putting them all together.

The report, which needs approval by diplomats at the mid-November meeting, tries to measure the confidence scientists have in their assessment of climate extremes both future and past.

Chris Field, one of the leaders of the climate change panel, said

he and other authors declined to comment because the report is still subject to change.

The summary chapter did not detail which regions of the world might suffer extremes so severe as to leave them only marginally habitable.

The report does say scientists are “virtually certain”—99 percent—that the world will have more extreme spells of heat and fewer of cold. Heat waves could peak as much as 5 degrees hotter by mid-century and even 9 degrees hotter by the end of the century.

From June to August this year in the United States, blistering heat set 2,703 daily high temperature records, compared with only 300 cold records during that period. That made it the hottest summer in the U.S. since the Dust Bowl of 1936, according to Weather Underground Meteorology Director Jeff Masters, who was not involved in the study.

### New Libyan PM was Alabama professor for 20 years

**TUSCALOOSA, Ala.** (AP)—

For 20 years, Abdurrahim el-Keib taught electrical engineering at the University of Alabama, helped lead the area's Muslim community and talked little about his home country of Libya. With Moammar Gadhafi's regime deposed, the professor now has a new role as prime minister of his homeland.



el-Keib, who had promised to step down after victory over Gadhafi's dictatorship. His selection suggests the country's interim rulers may be seeking out a government leader palatable both to the West and to Libyans who distrust anyone connected to the former regime. El-Keib holds a doctorate in electrical engineering from North Carolina State University, where he also taught, and moved to Alabama in 1985, according to a biography posted by a former employer, the Petroleum Institute in the

United Arab Emirates.

Online documents show el-Keib was at the University of Alabama for 20 years, becoming involved with the Faculty Senate and serving as a speaker representing Muslims to other faith communities in the city after the 9/11 terror attacks on New York and Washington.

The professor spoke at a Christian church in Tuscaloosa about the beliefs of Muslims in January 2002, and longtime friend Mirza Beg said el-Keib helped raise money for a new Islamic center that opened in Tuscaloosa more than a decade ago, near the university's football stadium.

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:	Civil Action No. 11-0087
JOSE TAIMANAO KING, (Rota Resident)	
Decedent.	

#### NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR DECREE OF FINAL DISTRIBUTION

Date: November 8, 2011  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Judge: Honorable Robert C. Naraja

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS,  
CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE  
LATE JOSE TAIMANAO KING:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Berlinda Flawau-Quitano, Administratrix of the Estate of Jose Taimanao King, has filed with the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a Petition for Decree of Final Distribution. The attorney for Administratrix is Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition for Final Decree of Distribution has been set for the 8th day of October, 2011 at 1:30 pm, at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Dated this 12th day of October 2011.

Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Date: November 29, 2011  
Time: 1:30pm  
Judge: Robert C. Naraja

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS,  
CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE  
LATE RITA KESAWAUL TUDELA:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Christine Tudela, Administratrix of the Estate of Rita Kesawau Tudela, has filed with the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a Petition for Decree of Final Distribution. The attorney for Administratrix is Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition for Final Decree of Distribution has been set for the 29th day of November, 2011 at 1:30 pm, at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

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Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

#### TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 503733 CK as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 25th day of October, 2011.

/s/ Clerk of Court

#### ACROSS THE NATION

### Surgeons separate California conjoined twins

**PALO ALTO, Calif.** (AP)—Twin two-year-old girls who were joined at the chest and abdomen were separated Tuesday during a lengthy, complex procedure at Stanford University's children's hospital. Sisters Angelina and Angelica Sabuco were undergoing an expected nine hours of surgery by a team of more than 20 doctors and nurses to gain their independence. By mid-afternoon, hospital spokeswoman Reena Mukamal announced the girls had been separated and moved to their own operating rooms for the second phase of surgery—reconstructing the area where they were connected. Mukamal said doctors were pleased with the progress of the operation so far at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in Palo Alto.

### Inmates freed after crack penalties are eased

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Thousands of inmates are being released early from federal prison because of an easing of the harsh penalties for crack that were enacted in the 1980s, when the drug was a terrifying new phenomenon in America's cities.

Penalties for crack were reduced to bring them more in line with those for powder, and Tuesday was the first day inmates locked up under the old rules could get out early. Some 12,000 prisoners are expected to benefit from reduced sentences over the next several years, with an estimated 1,900 eligible for immediate release as of Tuesday.

### Cain struggles to contain allegations fallout

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain denied on Tuesday that he's changing his story as he struggles to contain the fallout from sexual harassment allegations that could threaten his recently surging campaign. He also suggested his race could be a factor in the storm. The White House contender's contradictory explanations over two days have raised questions about details of the allegations from back in the 1990s and about his current ability to manage a crisis in the national spotlight. The accusations, relating to his time as head of the National Restaurant Association, have surfaced just as he's risen in national polls in the GOP nomination fight two months before the leadoff Iowa caucuses.

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:	Civil Action No. 11-0112
RITA KESAWAUL TUDELA. Deceased.	

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR  
DECREE OF FINAL DISTRIBUTION

Date: November 29, 2011  
Time: 1:30pm  
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# Asia

## Bamboo building bonanza in Bali

**BALI, Indonesia** (AP)—Off Bali's beaten track, past a towering banyan tree and next to an ancient Hindu temple, the world's largest bamboo commercial structure is slowly taking shape: a chocolate factory.

The three-story, 23,000-square-foot building—made from more than 3,000 long, flexible poles—is crowned with a graceful, sloped ceiling nearly 50 feet high.

Frederick Schilling, co-owner of the Big Tree Farms factory, calls it his “bamboo cathedral.”

The tropical plant, favored in the West for flooring, furniture and household accessories, is increasingly being viewed as the construction material of choice from Africa to South America—and no longer just for shacks and scaffolding.

Bali is leading the charge, attracting carpenters, architects and designers from across the globe to use bamboo in build-

ing everything from a school and luxury villas to exclusive resorts.

The plant—found in almost every equatorial nation—can grow up to 4 feet in a single day, reaching the height of a giant oak in less than six months. Many species are strong enough to use in building in as little as five years.

Cheap, tough as concrete, with the ability to bend, and incredibly abundant, bamboo's possibilities are almost limitless.

“Bamboo is definitely regarded as one of the most sustainable building materials in the world,” said Schilling, whose factory is scheduled to start pumping out four to six varieties of rich organic chocolate bars in January.

“As a bonus, it's also very beautiful to work with.”

Bali's craze, bringing together entrepreneurial expats and local craftsmen, started six years

ago with the founding of a local bamboo production company for the construction of Green School, an exclusive international school with 275 students.

Since then, more than a dozen projects have sprung up across the so-called “island of the Gods.”

Green Village, a collection of designer villas with individual price tags as high as \$750,000, sits down the Ayung River from Green School. Fivelements, a holistic healing retreat, is just a few miles north.

“Bali is a microcosm,” said Ben Ripple, Schilling's partner and the founder of Big Tree Farms, which makes spices, salts and other artisanal products sold at gourmet food stores such as Dean & DeLuca.

“What you get is a situation where five years on Bali shows what happens over a 20-year-plus period in other more developed areas.”



### STRANDED

In this Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, photo provided by Maritime New Zealand, the cargo ship *Rena* lays stranded on a reef near Tauranga, New Zealand. Stranded for nearly a month now, the condition of the cargo ship has worsened and authorities say they are preparing for it to break apart. Salvage crews have been in a stop-start race to remove oil from *Rena* to prevent it from leaking into the ocean. Crews removed more than 1,100 tons of oil before bad weather halted efforts Sunday. About 385 tons remain on board—about the same amount that has leaked into the sea. The ship has been stranded since Oct. 5. The reef is about 14 miles from Tauranga Harbour on North Island.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Rural mothers-to-be in China lack syphilis testing

**BEIJING** (AP)—Nearly half of pregnant women do not get tested for syphilis in poor areas of southern China where the sexually transmitted disease has seen a resurgence, researchers said Wednesday. A study published in a World Health Organization journal found that more than 40 percent of about 125,000 mothers-to-be in Guangdong province were not tested for syphilis in 2008, mostly due to a lack of health facilities in rural areas. Syphilis is a bacterial infection that is easy to cure but can ravage the mind and kill if untreated. Pregnant women with syphilis can miscarry or the babies can be stillborn or have congenital defects.

#### Philippine govt, rebels in standoff over commander

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—The Philippine military says it will continue to hunt down a fugitive guerrilla commander accused of beheading marines after the country's largest Muslim rebel group vowed not to surrender him. The standoff over Moro Islamic Liberation Front commander Dan Laksaw Asnawi hangs over already shaky peace talks that are expected to resume Thurs-

day in Malaysia. Military spokesman Col. Arnulfo Marcelo Burgos said Wednesday that law enforcement operations aimed at capturing Asnawi will continue but stressed that the rebel group was not the target. Asnawi escaped from jail in 2009. Nineteen troops were killed Oct. 18 in a failed attempt to arrest him. Rebel vice chairman Ghadzali Jaafar denies Asnawi's involvement in the 2007 beheadings.

#### New trouble reported at Japan nuclear plant

**TOKYO** (AP)—Officials at the tsunami-damaged Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant have detected a radioactive gas associated with fission that could indicate a problem at one of its reactors. They are injecting boric acid as a precautionary measure. Gas from inside the reactor indicated the presence of radioactive Xenon, which could be the byproduct of unexpected nuclear fission. The boric acid—used to control nuclear reactions—was being injected Tuesday through a cooling pipe as a countermeasure, although it was not clear if fission had occurred. The Tokyo Electric Power Co., or TEPCO, said there was no rise in the reactor's temperature, pressure or radiation levels.

# World

## Plane from US lands on its belly in Poland, none hurt

**WARSAW, Poland** (AP)—A Boeing airliner from the U.S. carrying 231 people was forced to land on its belly in Warsaw after its landing gear failed to open, triggering sparks and small fires. No one was hurt, but some passengers sobbed as they prayed for a safe landing.

Capt. Tadeusz Wrona, who handled the descent on Tuesday so smoothly that many on board thought the Boeing 767 had landed on its wheels, was instantly hailed as a hero in Poland and online, where within hours he was the focus of several Facebook fan pages.

The successful landing of the Polish LOT airlines flight, which was traveling from Newark, New Jersey, also was a huge relief for a country that has suffered multiple aviation disasters in recent years, including the April 2010 crash in Russia that killed President Lech Kaczynski and 95 others.

“I was praying for the pilot not to lose control because we started to make circles over the airport. It was terrible,” passenger Teresa Kowalik told



AP  
A Boeing 767 of Polish LOT airlines makes an emergency landing at Warsaw airport, Poland, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011.

reporters at the airport. “We owe everything to the pilot. He really did a great job.”

LOT said the plane suffered “a central hydraulic system failure,” indicating that the hydraulics used to extend the landing gear, or undercarriage, failed. The failure of an entire undercarriage was unprecedented for a Boeing 767 and highly unusual overall, according to aviation data and experts.

The pilots discovered there was a problem about half an hour after leaving Newark, said LOT president Marcin Pirog. They circled the plane above the airport for about one hour before descending, partly to keep

## Hand of Egypt's military rulers grows heavier

**CAIRO** (AP)—Growing in confidence after eight months in power, Egypt's military generals appear more determined than ever to crush the protest movement that ousted Hosni Mubarak and has turned critical of their rule.

This week, they detained Alaa Abdel-Fattah, a blogger whose activism made him an icon of the anti-Mubarak uprising, and—in an accusation that was derided by fellow activists—said he was to blame for stirring up violence at an October protest where 27 people were killed when soldiers cracked down.

At the same time, the military leadership has been drumming up an image of itself as

the nation's foremost patriots, even as it steps up moves to silence critics, leaning on managers of media outlets to tone down commentary on the army or ban particularly vocal critics from appearing on political talk shows.

Activists worry the military aims to hold power for as long as possible to give itself time to create favorable conditions for one of its own or a civilian with military background to run for president in elections. In what many saw as a trial balloon, posters went up briefly last week in Cairo and the Mediterranean city of Alexandria voicing support for the head of the military, Field

Marshal Hussein Tantawi, as a presidential candidate.

Tantawi and other generals on the ruling Supreme Council of the Armed Forces insist the military has no wish to stay in power and will not field a candidate in the presidential election, slated for late next year or early 2013. But activists doubt it will willingly give up the domination it has enjoyed over the nation for decades.

“I have serious doubts that the military will hand over power to civilians,” said activist Ahmed Imam. “They will most likely choreograph a scenario in which they will appear to hand over power but will in fact hold on to power.”

## Global health fund probe uncovers \$20M in losses

**GENEVA** (AP)—A global health fund investigating its own losses in grant money said Tuesday that 12 more probes had turned up an additional \$20 million of mismanagement, alleged fraud and misappropriation.

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria posted the results—contained in three fraud probes, eight audits and an internal review of travel involving about \$1 billion in grant money—on its website.

Earlier probes by the fund's internal watchdog, the inspector general's office, had detected about \$53 million in losses,

according to fund documents, some unpublished, provided by senior officials.

The fund's board chairman Simon Bland told The Associated Press it has now reviewed about one-seventh of \$14 billion in grants disbursed but it would be misleading to extrapolate the percentage of corruption turning up in fund programs.

He said the fund, which has approved more than \$22 billion in grants since its creation in 2002 as a major financing tool, is demanding repayment of the money—and two new cases in Nigeria and India could lead to criminal charges.

The fund says it has recovered \$19 million in misspent or undocumented money so far.

“We think the Global Fund standards of accounting are really high,” Bland said. “We will not tolerate misuse of our resources.”

In Nigeria, the probe found \$22 million in unauthorized foreign currency exchanges by a not-for-profit center in Abuja, that diverted hundreds of thousands of dollars to non-fund accounts. In India, at least \$872,000 had been misappropriated, some transferred to a shell corporation and used to rent and renovate an official's home.

# Focus

## Deaths from painkiller overdose triple in decade

NEW YORK (AP)—The number of overdose deaths from powerful painkillers more than tripled over a decade, the government reported Tuesday—a trend that a U.S. health official called an epidemic, but one that can be stopped.

Prescription painkillers such as OxyContin, Vicodin and methadone led to the deaths of almost 15,000 people in 2008, including actor Heath Ledger. That's more than three times the 4,000 deaths from narcotics in 1999.

Such painkillers "are meant to help people who have severe pain," said Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, which issued the report. "They are, however, highly addictive."

The report shows nearly 5 percent of Americans ages 12 and older said they've abused painkillers in the past year—using them without a prescription or just for the high. In 2008-09 surveys, Oklahomans reported the highest rate of abuse; the lowest was in Nebraska and Iowa.

The overdose deaths reflect the spike in the number of narcotic painkillers prescribed every year—enough to give every American a one-month supply, Frieden said.



AP  
In this Aug. 5, 2010 file photo, a pharmacy technician poses for a picture with hydrocodone tablets at the Oklahoma Hospital Discount Pharmacy in Edmond, Okla. Hydrocodone is the key ingredient in Vicodin.

Prescriptions rose as doctors aimed to better treat pain and as new painkillers hit the market.

Frieden and White House drug czar Gil Kerlikowske, who joined him at CDC headquarters in Atlanta, said states need

to take sharp actions to reverse the long-running trend.

States oversee prescription practices and can rigorously monitor prescriptions and crack down on "pill mills" and "doctor shopping" by patients, Frieden said.

den said.

Doctors should limit prescriptions—giving only a three-day supply for acute pain, for example—and look for alternative treatments, he said.

"For chronic pain, narcotics should be the last resort," he added.

A federal drug plan announced this year calls for state programs to track prescriptions. All but two states—Missouri and New Hampshire—have ap-

tion. Earlier this month, a doctor in Southern California was sentenced to prison for illegally selling tens of thousands of prescriptions for painkillers and sedative. Ohio now requires pain clinics to be licensed by the state, and limits the amount of pills that can be dispensed at clinics. Florida also has cracked down on so-called "pill mills."

Overall, there were 36,450 fatal overdoses in 2008, including

the recent deaths of a 27-year-old model at the mansion of an Anheuser-Busch heir and of former hockey player Derek Boogaard.

### Other findings of the CDC report:

■ New Mexico had the highest overdose death rate (27 per 100,000) and Nebraska had the lowest (5.5). The national rate was 11.9.

■ Fatal overdoses were more likely in men, middle-aged

*America's prescription drug abuse epidemic is not a problem that's going to be solved overnight, but at the same time, we're not powerless.*

proved them, said Kerlikowske. But a number of states don't have them in place yet or doctors aren't using them enough to check on their patients' past prescriptions, he said.

"America's prescription drug abuse epidemic is not a problem that's going to be solved overnight, but at the same time, we're not powerless," said Kerlikowske, who urged parents to get rid of unneeded or expired painkillers so they aren't misused.

Some states are taking ac-

accidental cases and suicides involving illegal drugs like heroin and cocaine along with prescription medicines. About three-quarters of the deaths from prescriptions involved narcotic painkillers.

That's the year Ledger died from an accidental overdose of painkillers and sedatives. A few months later, a 12-year-old girl from suburban New York overdosed on methadone she bought from a 15-year-old boy.

Narcotics also played a role in

adults and whites and American Indians.

■ Sales of prescription painkillers are highest in the Southeast and Northwest.

Frieden noted the wide differences between overdose death rates among states. For example, West Virginia's rate is about 26 per 100,000 while neighboring Virginia's rate is only 9.

"This highlights the importance of states getting policies right on preventing drug abuse," he said.

**In Humble Gratitude**

*We are eternally thankful to all families and friends, near and far for their soothing words of compassion, prayers, presence and support. Our sincere appreciation to all who joined us during the daily mass of intentions and nightly rosaries for our beloved Mother*

**†Margarita Palacios Agulto Retan**

*We also would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all who donated countless hours of support and prayers for our mother during her time of illness.*

*Our dearly beloved is now at rest, but with each new day's beginning, fond memories of her life, will forever be cherished.*

*To all who reached out in our time of need, your unending kindness and love will forever be treasured and kept close to our hearts.*

*We ask our heavenly father to continue to shower us all with his grace and blessings.*

**UN DANGKULO NA SI YU'US MAPASE  
PARA TODUS HAMYU,**

*From the Children and family*

*A year ago our dearly beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother,*

**Lourdes Palacios Dela Cruz**

*February 11, 1935 – November 10, 2010*

*Was called by our Creator. We the children and family of the late Lourdes Palacios Dela Cruz would like to invite our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the first year of our beloved passing onto eternal life.*

*Daily mass will be offered at St. Jude Church at 6:00pm everyday from November 2, 2011 to November 10, 2011. On the 9th day of the mass, dinner will follow immediately to be served at the St. Jude Social Hall.*

*Your prayers, thoughts and presence are sincerely appreciated.*

*The Children – Rita, Jovie, Pris, Bertha, Ben, Joe, Liz, Pat, and Ray*

# Environment

## The dirt on soil testing

By MARY BETH BRECKENRIDGE  
AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

### What's in your soil?

If you don't know, you're taking a chance on the health of your plants, whether they're the trees in your yard, the grass in your lawn or the flowers or vegetables in your garden.

What's more, you could be throwing away money, wasting effort and harming the environment.

Your plants depend on the soil and its components for survival. And the only way to know the state of that soil is to have it tested.

A soil test is an indicator of its health, just as a medical test is a barometer of yours. A basic laboratory test shows the nutrients in the soil as well as its acidity or alkalinity, a factor that determines whether those nutrients are available for the plants' use.

### Why test?

You can't tell what soil contains just by observing it. Sure, you can see its color and feel its texture, but you can't judge whether the soil has, say, enough nitrogen or too much lead.

If your plants don't get what they need from the soil, they'll become stressed, explained Jacqueline Kowalski, agriculture and natural resources educator with the Ohio State University Extension in Cuyahoga County. Plants under stress are more susceptible to pests and diseases, which take work and often money to treat—if you're successful. If not, you'll be laying out even more money for new plants.

So why not just fertilize the heck out of them?

For one thing, that would involve unnecessary expense. For another, overfertilizing can add too many soluble salts to the soil, drawing moisture away from plants and possibly stressing or even killing them, said Gary Morrisberger, manager of Holmes Laboratory, a private testing laboratory near Winesburg.

What's more, excess nutrients can leach or run off into the water supply, causing all manner of environmental mayhem.

### Contamination dangers

Sometimes soil tests can guard the health of people, not just plants.

Tests can detect the presence of heavy metals, which can be toxic. Those metals are sometimes found in or near old industrial sites, and in vacant lots where old buildings were razed but materials were left behind, Kowalski said. Inner-city land is particularly vulnerable.



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Testing your soil can ensure healthy plants as depicted in this photo illustration.

You'd definitely want to test the soil before planting food in such an area. You'd also want to test before building a playground or other facility where children might touch the soil.

In those cases, Kowalski said it's important to choose a laboratory that uses methods specified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

### Who should do the test?

Kowalski recommends either a university or commercial laboratory.

You can do it yourself using a home test kit, but know that some kits tell you only the soil's pH level (that is, its acidity or alkalinity). A home kit may seem like a bargain because it contains supplies for multiple tests, but Kowalski doesn't recommend reusing the same kit over several years. If it's not stored properly, the kit may degrade, she said.

Kowalski said sending a soil sample to a soil-testing laboratory will give you more accurate readings. Perhaps more importantly, the lab will give you recommendations for fixing problems in your soil, such as telling you what type of fertilizer or amendment to add and in what quantity.

Labs typically ask you what you're growing so they can tailor their recommendations to the specific plants' needs. A lawn, for example, has different requirements from a cornfield or a perennial bed, and the lab will take those requirements into consideration. If you're changing a plot's use, tell the lab what you grew during the past year and what you want to grow there next year, Morrisberger said.

While the numbers and chemical terms in a soil test report can seem daunting to a typical gardener, most labs

explain the data and offer their recommendations in plain language, Kowalski said. Commonly they'll tell you what to apply and how much, usually expressed in pounds per 1,000 square feet.

Sometimes a lab will have a sample report on its website, so you can see what you'll be getting.

### What kind of test?

In most home situations, a standard soil test will tell you everything you need to know, said Jon Dahl, manager of the Soil and Plant Nutrient Laboratory at Michigan State University.

Standard tests usually cost \$10 to \$25.

What's included in a standard test can vary. Typically it measures pH and the levels of phosphorus, potassium, calcium and magnesium in the soil. Sometimes it includes the amount of organic matter

and some fairly technical issues, such as cation-exchange capacity and base saturation. (Don't worry about what those mean. Remember, the lab should explain the results in plain language.)

If you notice problems with plants, such as leaves that are off-color or striped when they're not supposed to be, you might consider a supplemental micronutrient test, Dahl said. That test tells you the soil's level of nutrients that are used by plants in tiny quantities.

However, he cautioned that such a test will tell you only the micronutrients' status in the soil. It can't tell you whether those nutrients are actually getting into the plants. A plant tissue analysis might give you a more accurate picture, he said.

### How often should you test?

Kowalski recommended testing every two to three years. You can test more often if you grow plants that are heavy feeders or you just want to keep a close eye on your soil's fertility.

Most people test their soil either in the fall or the spring. Fall is a good time, because amendments such as manure or lime that are added now will have the winter to break down, Dahl noted.

However, he said what season you choose isn't as important as always testing at the same time of year—that is, always in the spring or always in the fall.

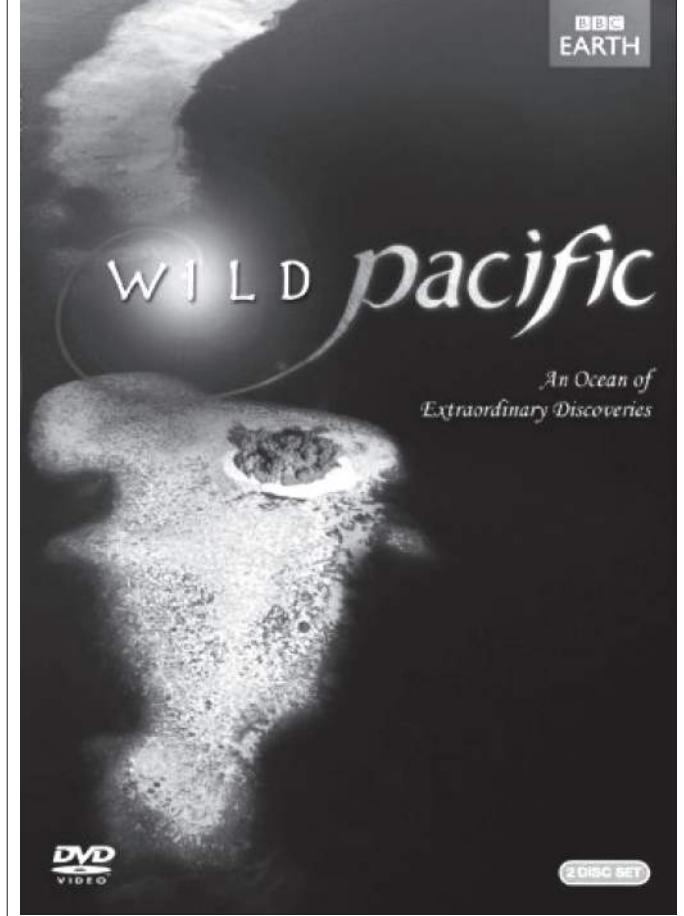
That way, you'll get a more accurate picture if you want to track long-term trends in your soil, he said. Nutrient levels are lower right after the growing season than in the spring, so it's better to compare samplings from the same season.

## FIRST FRIDAY FILMS Ocean of Islands screening tomorrow

First Friday Films will be featuring *BBC's Wild Pacific: Ocean of Islands* tomorrow, Nov. 4, 2011, 6:30pm at American Memorial Park Visitors Center.

*BBC's Wild Pacific: Ocean of Islands* presents an overview of the natural history of the region. This landmark series explores the sheer scale and majesty of the largest ocean on Earth. The film will also feature the isolation and formation of its islands, the diverse ecosystems, the extraordinary journeys wildlife and humans have gone through to reach these specks of land, and what takes place to both after their arrival.

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## Do Your Part: Pick a better cup o' joe

By TERRI BENNETT  
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Are you someone who savors that morning cup of coffee? Do you enjoy the smell and taste of a freshly brewed pot? You'll enjoy it even more if you Do Your Part to seek out fair trade and organic coffees. And fall it's the perfect time to talk about why it's critical to seek out coffees that are cultivated with people and the planet in mind.

The Fair Trade label is an important one. It certifies that the people working to produce your coffee are paid a fair price and are working in good conditions. Since many coffee producers are small-scale organizations in poorer countries, the Fair Trade pro-

gram works to connect them directly to coffee importers around the world. This allows the producers to foster long-lasting relationships that will help sustain their coffee businesses and improve their communities. Seeking out organic coffees is another important decision. Look for the USDA organic seal and you'll know that your coffee beans were grown without pesticides that can pollute our land and water. This also means the farmers working that land and the people living in the surrounding communities won't come into contact with those toxic chemicals, either.

There's another thing to look for when shopping for the best beans. If you can, seek out shade-grown coffees. This

means the valuable land used to grow the coffee wasn't clear cut which allows the natural habitat for birds and other animals to remain intact.

So what if you don't brew your own and instead go to a coffee shop to get that morning jolt? There are still plenty of ways to Do Your Part on the go. First, ask where the beans they use come from and how the crops were cultivated. Next, bring your own coffee mug instead of using a disposable one. Many coffee spots will offer you a deal if you bring in your own cup. Starbucks and Peet's offer 10 cents off with every cup.

Many times, coffee shops will also give away their coffee grounds for free. Those grounds are rich in nitrogen,

making them an effective addition to any compost pile.

Something as small as your morning cup of coffee can actually make a big impact on our environment. Do Your Part as you enjoy your next cup o' joe knowing that you picked the perfect blend for you and the planet.

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# Life & Style

## Kardashian apologizes to fans for failed marriage

By SANDY COHEN  
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Kim Kardashian says she never meant to hurt anyone by ending her marriage after just 72 days.

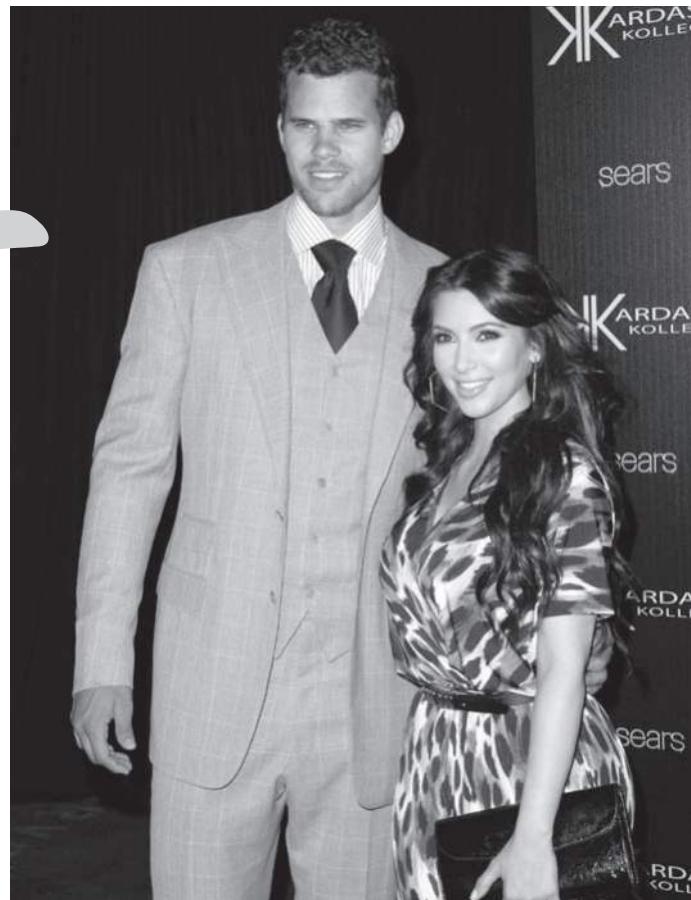
The 31-year-old reality star posted a message to her fans on her website Tuesday, one day after filing for divorce from Kris Humphries, whom she married in a lavish ceremony that aired as a two-hour TV special on E!

Kardashian says that while she "married for love" and "would not have spent so much time on something just for a TV show," she admits that she "got caught up with the hoopla and the filming of the TV show."

"When I probably should have ended my relationship, I didn't know how to and I didn't want to disappoint a lot of people," she writes.

Kardashian says she takes "full responsibility for my actions and decisions," adding "it just didn't turn out to be the fairy tale I had so badly hoped for."

"I want a family and babies and a real life so badly that



In this Aug. 17, 2011 file photo, reality TV personality Kim Kardashian, right, and her fiance, NBA basketball player Kris Humphries, arrive at the Kardashian Kollection launch party in Los Angeles.

maybe I rushed into something too soon," she says.

Kardashian and Humphries dated for nine months before marrying in August.

She goes on to say that reports that she made millions of dollars off the wedding "are simply not true and it makes me so sad to have to even clarify this." Twitter and Facebook were filled with anti-Kardashian sentiments on Tuesday, including some photos that were reposted thousands of times.

One photo showed the happy wedding couple gazing adoringly at each other above large type that read, "If you think gay marriage cheapens the institution, two words... Kim Kardashian."

In her post, Kardashian says she plans to "donate the money for all the gifts to the Dream Foundation."

The couple's \$172,000 wedding registry included such items as a \$1,650 coffee pot and two \$1,250 sterling silver vegetable spoons.

Kardashian does not mention Humphries in the 370-word message.

## Another celeb leaves 'Dancing With the Stars'

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—It was the last tango for David Arquette.

The 40-year-old actor was dismissed Tuesday from "Dancing With the Stars."

"This whole thing has been incredible. I've loved it," he said after learning he'd be leaving. "I came here to get to know more about myself, face my fears, entertain people, (give) America a chance to get to know me better and learn how to dance."

Host Tom Bergeron said, "You've achieved all those goals."

Arquette earned 47 points out of 60 for his two dances on Monday's episode: A cha-cha that impressed the judges and a team tango that didn't.

Justin Bieber also appeared

Judge Carrie Ann Inaba said Arquette's cha-cha showed growth.

"Your improvement is phenomenal," she said.

But the team dance failed to come together. Judge Len Goodman said the bulk of the routine "was a disaster."

Arquette finished three points ahead of last-place dancer Nancy Grace, who relied on her fans to keep her in the contest.

She will return to dance again, along with Ricki Lake, J.R. Martinez, Rob Kardashian and Hope Solo.

Judges' scores are combined with viewer votes to determine which celebrity contestant is ousted each week.

Justin Bieber also appeared

on Tuesday's episode, where he performed his song "Never Say Never" and unveiled a track from his new Christmas album, "Under the Mistletoe." The teen star sang "Fa La La" with Boyz II Men.

Lake came into the episode in first place, performing two paso dobles: One with partner Derek Hough and another with her team that included Solo and Kardashian.

Judge Bruno Tonioli described the group routine as "powerful, moving and dramatic" and called Lake's dance with her partner "another incredible performance." She earned 27 points for her dance with Hough and 26 points for the team routine for a total of 53 out of 60.

Kardashian finished in second place with 51 points, turning in a tango to the "Addams Family" theme song that one judge called "your best dance so far." After the show, he said his thoughts are with his sister Kim, who filed for divorce Monday after 10 weeks of marriage to basketball player Kris Humphries.

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## Testimony ends in Michael Jackson doctor trial

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Michael Jackson's doctor finally made a decision he had long delayed, telling a judge Tuesday he would not testify in his involuntary manslaughter trial.

Minutes later, the defense rested its case and the prosecution, after presenting brief rebuttal testimony, closed its presentation of evidence in the six-week trial. That set the stage for closing arguments to begin Thursday.

Dr. Conrad Murray's announcement came while jurors were out of the room and he was not asked to repeat it for them.

Spectators, including Jackson's mother, father, brother Randy and sister LaToya, seemed to hold their breath before Murray answered one of

the biggest remaining questions of his trial, saying he would stay away from the witness stand.

The doctor held his hands together over his mouth in a prayerful pose before Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor asked the cardiologist whether he intended to take the stand.

The judge lectured Murray as he had before on how the decision to testify was his alone and that he also had the right to remain silent.

"Have you made up your mind?" Pastor asked.

Murray paused, looked at all his lawyers, seemed to sigh and said, "My decision is I will not testify in this matter."

The judge asked lead attorney Ed Chernoff if he had conferred with Murray about his rights

to testify. A total of 49 witnesses testified for both sides over 22 days of trial.

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Mon thru Thurs	4:05	7:05	

Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek

Children's/family • Rated PG

#### Synopsis

Shrek's swashbuckling feline gets a solo outing in this DreamWorks Animation production, once again starring the voice talents of Antonio Banderas as Puss in Boots, with Salma Hayek and Zach Galifianakis co-starring.

### In Time

Friday	4:20	7:20	9:40
Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20
Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20
Mon thru Thurs	4:20	7:20	

Justin Timberlake, Amanda Seyfried

Thriller • Rated PG 13

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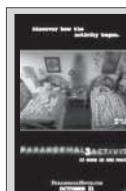
When scientists unlock the secret to immortality, time becomes the new currency and one desperate man comes under attack from a mysterious group known only as the "Time Keepers." In the not-too-distant future, scientists have discovered a way to turn off the aging gene. As the threat of overpopulation looms over society, money becomes a thing of the past. Now, assets are measured in time; those with the most time also possess the most power. Meanwhile, the lower classes are forced to barter with the new elite if they want to live forever. Suddenly a young commoner stumbles across a treasure chest of time. With the "Time Keepers" in hot pursuit, however, he may never get a chance to use it. Justin Timberlake, Amanda Seyfried, and Olivia Wilde star in this sci-fi thriller from writer/director Andrew Niccol (*Gattaca*, *Lord of War*).



#### The Three Musketeers

Friday	4:10	7:10	9:45
Saturday	1:10	4:10	7:10
Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10
Mon thru Thurs	4:10	7:10	

Logan Lerman, Milla Jovovich



#### Paranormal Activity 3

Friday	4:15	7:15	9:50
Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15
Mon thru Thurs	4:15	7:15	

Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman, directing

Thriller, Horror • Rated R



#### Footloose

Friday	4:25	7:25	9:55
Saturday	1:25	4:25	7:25
Sunday	1:25	4:25	7:25
Mon thru Thurs	4:25	7:25	

Kenny Wormald, Julianne Hough

Musical, Drama • Rated PG 13



#### Real Steel

Friday	4:30	7:30	10:00




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# Charice calls for justice for slain dad

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Singer Charice Pempengco of the hit TV show “Glee” is calling for justice for her father who was stabbed to death in her Philippine hometown.

Police on Wednesday launched a manhunt for the suspect, who they say was intoxicated when he became angry after 40-year-old construction worker Ricky Pempengco brushed against him. Pempengco was stabbed late Monday with an ice pick in the chest and back.

Charice paid respects to her estranged father early Wednesday and apologized for canceling the rest of her tour dates. She was scheduled to perform in Singapore.

The teen star said, “Whoever did this must be brought to justice.”

She said she was in disbelief and while she did not have time to bond with her father, they had a great relationship.

Charice said Tuesday in a statement she wants to thank her fans around the world “for their support and love at this very difficult time.”

The 19-year-old starred on “Glee” last season and was touring in Southeast Asia. She cancelled the rest of the tour dates and has flown to the Philippines to be with her family.

## Hugh Grant becomes a dad, but mother undisclosed

LONDON (AP)—Hugh Grant has become a father for the first time after a brief fling, his spokesman said Tuesday—but the identity of the baby’s mother is not being disclosed.

Publicist Carrie Gordon said Grant “is the delighted father of a baby girl.”

She said Grant and the mother “had a fleeting affair and while this was not planned, Hugh

could not be happier or more supportive.”

“He and the mother have discussed everything and are on very friendly terms,” Gordon said.

The 51-year-old star of “Four Weddings and a Funeral” and “Notting Hill” previously had relationships with model-actress Elizabeth Hurley and socialite-turned-cam-

paigner Jemima Khan.

Grant, who built a career playing bumbling British charmers, last appeared in a movie opposite Sarah Jessica Parker in the 2009 comedy “Did You Hear About the Morgans.”

More recently he has become a high-profile opponent of intrusion by Britain’s tabloid press.

Grant has said he suspects his cell phone voice mail messages

## Zooey Deschanel separates from musician husband

NEW YORK (AP)—Actress Zooey Deschanel and her husband, musician Ben Gibbard, are breaking up.

Deschanel’s publicist Lauren Auslander confirmed Tuesday the couple has separated after two years of marriage. Auslander describes the split as “amicable,” with “no third party involved.”

Deschanel’s career is on a high note with the success of her Fox sitcom “New Girl.” Her band She & Him just released a Christmas album, and last month she sang the national anthem at the World Series.

Gibbard is the lead singer of the rock band Death Cab for Cutie.

News of the separation was first reported by Us Weekly.



Charice

## Giant Russian painting of Indian mosque sold in NY

NEW YORK (AP)—A giant painting by a Russian artist has fetched more than \$3.1 million at auction in New York City.

The “Pearl Mosque at Delhi” painting was sold Tuesday at a Sotheby’s auction of Russian art.

The painting is 13 feet (3.9 meters) high by 16 feet (4.8 meters) wide. It was done between 1876 and 1879. It shows men kneeling at an Indian mosque.

It was offered by the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and had a presale estimate of \$3 million to \$5 million.

The auction house says the proceeds will benefit the museum’s acquisition fund.

The painting is by artist Vasili Vasilievich Vereshchagin. It’s from his Indian series and is considered one of his most significant works to appear at auction in more than 100 years.

AP  
This circa 1880 image provided by Sotheby’s shows Russian artist Vasili Vasilievich Vereshchagin in his Paris studio with “Pearl Mosque at Delhi,” right, a giant painting about 13 feet high and 16 feet wide.



## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Yoko Ono: ‘Imagine’ tune is bigger than expected

NEW YORK (AP)—Yoko Ono says John Lennon’s iconic “Imagine” wasn’t initially embraced by the public. She says the song, released in 1971, “was not really accepted ... it wasn’t ‘Wow!’” Ono, who is listed as a co-producer on the track, says she remembers when Lennon created it, calling that time “really beautiful.” Lennon’s 78-year-old widow made the comments at the launch of Hard Rock and Why Hunger’s “Imagine There’s No Hunger” campaign in New York City’s Times Square on Tuesday. The global campaign aims to raise money and awareness for childhood hunger and poverty in Africa, Asia and Latin America. In 2004, Rolling Stone magazine ranked “Imagine” at No. 3 on its list of “The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time.”

### Tito Jackson: We tried to intervene for Michael

LONDON (AP)—Two of Michael Jackson’s siblings say they tried to intervene to prevent his drug abuse but could not get close to their brother because of his security team. Tito and Rebbie Jackson said Tuesday the family was aware of Michael’s drug problem. Tito Jackson says his late brother’s security team acted as if he was the U.S. president and kept his family away. He says he got into physical fights with security personnel and was sometimes barred from his brother’s gated property. The two Jacksons are in London to promote Wednesday’s premiere of a documentary about his life. Their mother Katherine Jackson canceled her trip to London to attend the final days of the Los Angeles trial of Dr. Conrad Murray, accused of manslaughter in the pop star’s death.

### Jerry Seinfeld first guest host to follow Philbin

NEW YORK (AP)—Regis Philbin’s chair on “Live!” won’t have time to cool off before Jerry Seinfeld arrives as the first guest host of the post-Regis era. The popular weekday talk show is announcing that Seinfeld will join continuing co-host Kelly Ripa for three days, airing Nov. 21-23. The show said Tuesday that guests scheduled to join Ripa and Seinfeld are actor Jason Segel, actress Kim Cattrall, comedian-host Howie Mandel, “Naked Chef” Jamie Oliver and that fabulous Muppet, Miss Piggy. Philbin is departing the show Nov. 18 after 28 years as its host. There are no plans to immediately announce a permanent successor. The soon-to-be-renamed “Live! with Kelly” will continue to air in most cities at 9 a.m. Eastern time.

## Childhood piano lessons: same song, second verse

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I had to respond to the letter from “Discordant Family” (Sept. 1). I agree with you that the children should not be forced to play piano. However, let me offer an alternative. Many young pianists quit because practicing is such a solitary chore. I’d recommend finding the kids a community music program they would enjoy.

Perhaps their friends are involved with a chamber or duet group, or a music camp. Set the completion of the group project as a goal and allow them to move on (if they still want to) once they’ve reached that goal rather than quit on the spot.

I, too, wanted to quit piano lessons at 13, but my mother insisted I persist until age 16. Then I joined my high school’s theater program as its pianist. Being part of community music-making is standard for most musicians, but it’s rare for young pianists. There is an added social element. They develop other skills, and the emphasis on practice and perfection is greatly reduced when the focus shifts to working well in a group.

Since “Discordant” is so set on music for her kids, I hope she’ll consider this option, but also identify the aspects of piano playing her kids dislike and attempt to reduce or remove them. Switching from classical to pop music or starting a band with their friends are other possibilities.

I’m 26 now and have made a career as a collaborative pianist for musical theater, operas, choirs and soloist accompaniment. It’s given me an opportunity to travel, meet Broadway actors, play in rock bands, learn language skills—and more!

HAPPY PIANIST IN AUSTIN

DEAR PIANIST: Thank you for your helpful suggestions. Forcing children to do something they hate seems, to me, counterproductive when there are so many constructive, creative things they could be doing. My newspaper readers comment:

DEAR ABBY: Each child is unique and needs individual consideration. Because the 13-year-old wants to stop playing the piano is no reason for the 11- and 5-year-old to quit, too. How about talking it over with the piano teacher? Maybe it’s time for a new approach. The teen could learn to play jazz piano or perhaps switch to a different instrument, such as the guitar. Making music part of life is a joy when it is approached in the right spirit.

PIANO TEACHER WHO HAS SEEN AND HEARD IT ALL

DEAR ABBY: I took lessons from three teachers before I found one who inspired me and gave me music I wanted to play. My son and daughter also took lessons from him. I played piano professionally in the ‘60s and ‘70s, and my son has followed in that path. I believe it is all in finding the right teacher. What a difference it makes.

JANET IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR ABBY: “Discordant” said she has never met anyone who was glad about having stopped piano lessons. Well, one of the happiest days of my life was when I quit. I read music and hit the keys in order, but I have no sense of timing. Practice did NOT make perfect, and I was prevented from applying myself to areas for which I was better suited.

FREED FROM THE TORTURE

DEAR ABBY: The problem that mom is having is in giving her kids wiggle room. Middle-school-aged children should not be allowed to make a decision about something so important based on how they “feel.” I sweetened the offer for my daughter by allowing her to practice in lieu of doing some household chores. It worked like a charm. Now, at 21, she loves music, plays when she can and intends to return to it after college.

STAND FIRM! IN MONTANA

DEAR ABBY: I was forced to take piano lessons. At age 13, I begged to quit. My parents made a compromise. Lessons only during the school year, summers off. After a poor start, I began to enjoy the lessons, ended up studying piano for 18 years and turned pro.

PEGGY IN LAS VEGAS

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# Pastimes

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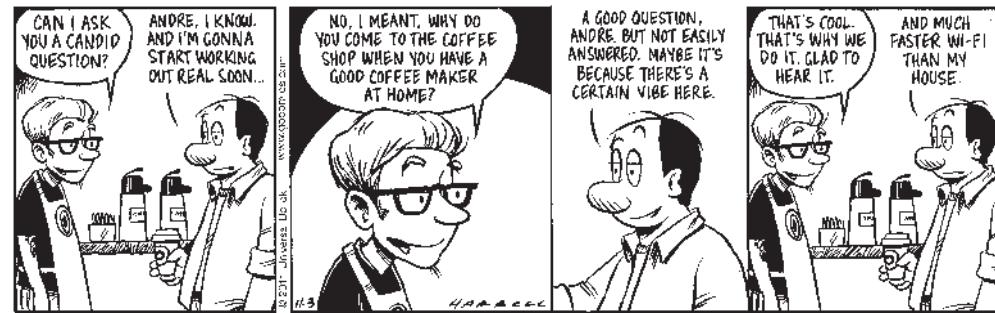
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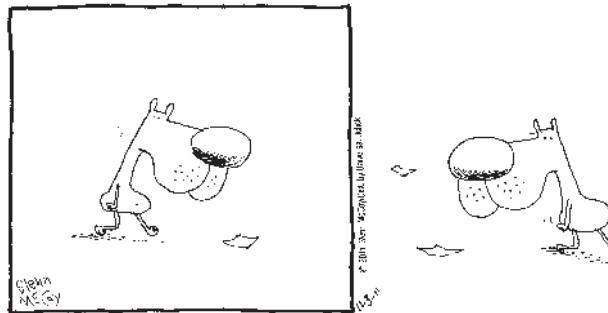
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# CLASSIFIED ADS



## Karidat Social Services VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Karidat has two job openings for: one (1) Victims of Crime Advocacy Coordinator and one (1) Shelter Worker. Application forms are available at Karidat's main office located on Chalan Kanoa Drive. Application deadline for the two positions will be Thursday, November 03, 2011, 4:30 p.m. No telephone inquiries please.

Sales Manager (1) - Graduate of a 4 year degree course with at least 11 years experience in wholesale and retail sales. Qualified applicant must have strong personality to deal with different clients, good oral and written communication skills, flexible and able to work under pressure. Must be able to manage routine works of sales officers. Must create monthly sales and quotations to all customers. Proficiency in Microsoft Office programs & Wholesale software is a must. Valid driver's license and current police clearance is required.

Interested qualified U.S. applicants should submit application and resume to Luen Fung Enterprises (Saipan), Inc. located at Middle Road, Gualo Rai Village. Salary will be commensurate with qualification and experience.

## Pacific Basin Insurance Company

### Accountant (1) (Insurance)

- Minimum of 5 years experience
- Bachelor degree in Accounting
- Knowledge in Peachtree Complete Accounting Software

### Account Manager (1) (Insurance)

- Minimum of 5 years experience
- Bachelor degree in Accounting
- Knowledge in Peachtree Complete Accounting Software

### Computer Analyst (1) (Insurance)

- Minimum of 2 years experience
- Bachelor degree in Computer Science or related field

### Insurance Manager (1) (Insurance)

- Minimum of 5 years experience
- Bachelor degree in Commerce or Education
- Knowledge in QuickBooks software

### Insurance Underwriter (1)

- Minimum of 2 years experience
- Bachelor degree in Commerce or Education

Interested applicants please apply at Pacific Basin Insurance Co. and email resume to pacificbasin.ins@gmail.com

\*An insurance written test may be required\*

## EWGE Corporation dba Kevin's Video II

### Job Vacancy Announcement

#### (2) Video Sales Clerk 3 years work experience

Requirements: To entertain and assist customers in movie selection for rental or purchase; must have a broad background in movies entertainment; prepare reports monthly - for DVD stock inventory. Daily cleanup of premises; good customer relation and sales skills; able to read and write English language; must be computer literate; must have high school diploma or GED; must be 18 yrs of age or older; must provide police clearance and health clearance; must be of good character and dress neatly; Flexible days off. Salary: \$5.05.

Interested applicants may submit a resume to any of the following branch: Kagman 256-6988, Dandan 235-6988 or Gualo Rai 235-6986.

### Job Vacancy Announcement

#### Household Worker (1)

Salary \$ 5.05 per hour.

Responsibilities include general household work, cooking, and related tasks. Knows how to operate washing machine, vacuum cleaner and cooking appliances, trustworthy, reliable, and willing to work flexible hours for families and other business clients. Employee must have at least two years experience.

Submit resume to: Pete A Consulting, P.O. Box 500042, Saipan MP 96950 no later than Thursday, November 10, 2011. Call for interview: 483-5870

## FOR SALE



09 Toyota Corolla, Black, Mil. 33,425. Excellent Condition. Price \$11,500. Pls Call 287-7676

[www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

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### CGI, INC. Job Vacancy Announcement

(2) Commercial Cleaner, High School graduate w/ 5 yrs of work related experience. Must have own transportation to job sites. Must be able to work flexible days, hours and willing to work on holidays and weekends. Salary: \$5.05.

(2) House Worker, High School graduate w/ 5 yrs minimum experience. Must be able to work flexible days, hours and willing to work on holidays and weekends. Salary: \$5.05.

Please submit your resume to [tes\\_cabatilca@yahoo.com](mailto:tes_cabatilca@yahoo.com), no phone calls please.

### KP Ent., Inc. dba KP Video Production needs:

#### 1 - Video Operator, rate \$5.05 to \$5.55/hr.

Must have 5 years experience in video footage & editing using professional video cam, high school graduate, to work flexible hours, Monday to Sunday in Tinian. Interested applicants may submit resume to KP Store @ HuangShun Blvd., San Jose, Tinian or email resume to [kpent@pticom.com](mailto:kpent@pticom.com)

### Job Vacancy Announcement GOOD CARE, LLC

#### (1) Interpreter

Must have 4 years experience as interpreter. Must be fluent in writing and reading Japanese and English. Knowledgeable about tourism industry preferred. Must have experience in general office work. Salary: \$6.92-\$7.25/hr.

Interested qualified US workers can send resume to [goodcare@pticom.com](mailto:goodcare@pticom.com)

## FOR RENT - RESIDENTIAL



Fina Sisu Apt., 2-BR, 1-BTH, FF, AC, BU Genset/24-hr water, security, laundry room, free Wi-Fi & ample parking. Right behind NMC campus. MIHA applicants accepted. Special rates for NMC faculty/students. Call 235-6527/8 or 285-1317 for info.

Ocean View Terraces. Luxury 2BR & 1BTH Apts w/private balcony & beautiful view. Rooms w/A/C & Fully Furnished. Back-up Generator. Free Wi-Fi. Laundry Area. Nighttime security. 235-6527/28 or 285-1317.

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### WHATZIT Solution: Morning-after pill

### Job Vacancy Announcement Operations Manager

Interested qualified US workers may fax, email or submit in person, a resume and police clearance.

Any applicant selected for these positions are required to take and pass a drug test screening prior to employment at applicant's cost.

Application deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

PACIFIC DAIRY CO., LTD. • P.O. Box 501042, Saipan, MP 96950 Tel: 234-7453 / Fax: 234-7998 • [bern.ju@pacificdairy.com](mailto:bern.ju@pacificdairy.com)

### Job Vacancy Announcement Additional Workers Needed

(2) Mason: 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE - \$5.05/HR

(2) Carpenters: 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE - \$5.05/HR

(2) Waitress: 3 YEARS EXPERIENCE - \$5.05/HR

Interested applicants must contact and submit resume to RPCF, INC P.O. Box 504549 Saipan, 96950 Tel#: 234-9127 • [e-mail:brian@pticom.com](mailto:e-mail:brian@pticom.com)

### Job Vacancy Announcement Erika's Catering

#### 1 Kitchen Helper 2 Cook

Salary \$5.05/hr. 2 years work experience. Willing to work during holidays

Contact Ms. Regina S. Manibusan Tel no. 288-4121

### Herbarium Farmer. Salary \$ 300 - \$ 500.00/mo.

w/ housing, utilities, food allowance, ground transportation and worker's compensation insurance provided. 5 years experience in growing herbs and Mascul leaves. Must be able to operate farm machinery. Please submit bio-data, resume, police clearance and other supporting documents via email. [happydaysaipan@hotmail.com](mailto:happydaysaipan@hotmail.com). Closing date is November 4, 2011.

### Job Vacancy Announcement

## EMPLOYMENT

6 Household Workers \$5.05-\$5.50/hr. MTO Maintenance (Spn), Inc. email [admin@mtoasaipan.com](mailto:admin@mtoasaipan.com) tel 7897306

1 Accountant \$5.05-\$12.00/hr. Email [joe.c.guerrero@gmail.com](mailto:joe.c.guerrero@gmail.com). Saint Joseph's Medical tel 2334582

(1) General Manager, (1) Cook, (1) Waiter, (1) Sewer. High School Graduate. Willing to work flexible hours. Interested applicants may submit resume to SAIPAN FASHION COMPANY. [saifacom@gmail.com](mailto:saifacom@gmail.com)

1-Operations Manager. 5yrs exp. Valid driver's license. Japanese speaking preferred. Kwun Kee Company of Saipan, Inc. Call 287-9834

(1) Household worker, (1) Cafeteria Food Attendant. Must have knowledge of HACCP procedure in food service. Must have a valid BEH food handler's certificate. No phone calls please. E-mail resume to BARNY'S PIZZA at [jimmy@pticom.com](mailto:jimmy@pticom.com)

A & C Enterprises is looking for (1) Masseuse—at least 2 years work experience (2) Beautician—at least 2 years work experience Interested US Workers may submit resume to [jennielyn\\_cruz2009@yahoo.com](mailto:jennielyn_cruz2009@yahoo.com)

1 Dress Maker w/ 2 yrs experience. Tonette's Dress Shop tel. 2862948. Send resume PO Box 7475 SVRB

CMI General Construction Needs: 22 Construction Workers, 1 Draftsman, 1 Construction Supervisor, 1 Comptroller / Accountant.

Job Vacancy Announcement  
(1) Sales Associate w/ 3 yrs work experience in cashiering and previous retail experience preferred. Be able to perform duties with minimum supervision; and be able to work irregular hours, such as shifts, holiday and weekends. Candidate must be knowledgeable in accounting basics and POS system. Ability to speak and understand a foreign language in addition to English is most desirable. Submit resume to [mapagahes@gmail.com](mailto:mapagahes@gmail.com).

Job Vacancy Announcement  
(1) Electronic Technician—5 yrs experience \$ 5.05/hr. Must be certified/licensed air-conditioning technician. Knowledgeable in satellite TV system, CCTV camera, entertainment equipment & other electronics equipment—installation and service repair. Interested applicant must contact and submit resume to Lanqiang L. Barcins dba Aliy Electronics. P.O. Box 503534 CK Saipan, MP 96950 Tel. # 287-9968/[email:lanqiang@hotmail.com](mailto:email:lanqiang@hotmail.com)

### Job Vacancy Announcement

Farmer: \$ 5.05/hour  
Minimum 5 yrs experience required. Must be able to perform the duty of farmer in accordance with the instructions of the employer.

E-mail resume to [maryann\\_milne@yahoo.com](mailto:maryann_milne@yahoo.com). No phone calls please.

## EMPLOYMENT

Yujuin Store Needs: 3 Cooks/ Food Handler, 1 Salesperson, 1 Accountant.

Email resume to [cmi.gencon@gmail.com](mailto:cmi.gencon@gmail.com)

6 Maids/Housekeeping Cleaners, 1 Maintenance Worker. Email [saipanmachinery@yahoo.com](mailto:saipanmachinery@yahoo.com). SPN MACHINERY, INC.

1-Business Consultant \$5.55/hr, Bachelor's Degree in Economics, min 5 yrs exp. Must speak, write & read Japanese. Email resume to [info@jobmar.com](mailto:info@jobmar.com) no later than Nov. 9, 2011 JOB MARKET USA CORPORATION

1-Commercial Cleaner and 1-Houseworker Minimum of 1 or 2 yrs work related experience. Interested individuals may contact Ronny's Rental at 235-0001.

1-Accounts Payable/Payroll Accountant-\$5.05-\$6.50/hour, Bachelor's Degree in Bus. Admin., 5 yrs. experience, knowledge in JD Edwards software, Sage ABRA payroll modules preferred, willing to work off-site. Qualified US applicants may mail resume to RR&Associates, PO Box 504039, Saipan, MP 96950 or call (670) 233-8391.

2-Heavy Equipment Operator. Must have at least 3 years work experience in construction business. Interested Qualified US Workers can drop resume to ASC Arch Structure Corporation Chalan Kiya, Saipan.

## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### 1-Commercial Cleaner 1-Maintenance Repairer

If interested, send resume and police clearance to Fruiful, Inc. P.O. Box 5061 CHRB Saipan MP 96950. Tel. # 989-3827

### Milne's Realty Management is looking for:

Farmer: \$ 5.05/hour  
Minimum 5 yrs experience required. Must be able to perform the duty of farmer in accordance with the instructions of the employer.

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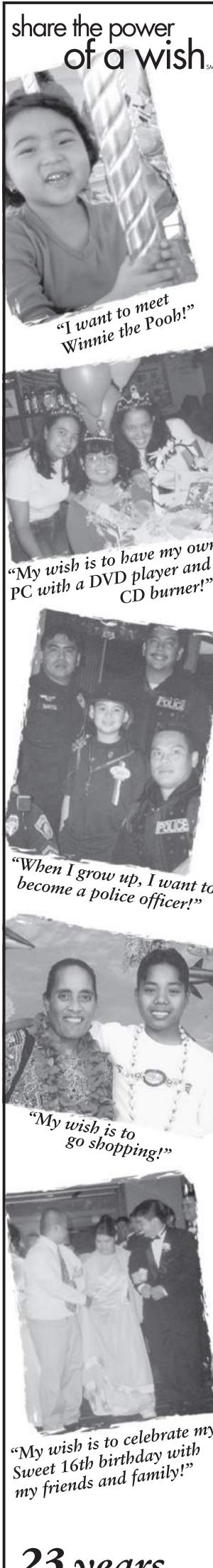
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# 3 Dodgers, 3 Red Sox earn Gold Glove honors



Kershaw, Matt Kemp and Andre Ethier became the first trio of Los Angeles Dodgers to win NL Gold Gloves in the same year, and Adrian Gonzalez, Dustin Pedroia and Jacoby Ellsbury became the first three Red Sox in 32 seasons to win the AL honor together.

Kershaw became a first-time winner at pitcher when the awards were announced Tuesday. Ethier earned his first Gold Glove in the outfield and Kemp regained the NL award he also earned in 2009.

Gonzalez earned his first AL Gold Glove to go along with two he won in the NL while with San Diego. Pedroia won at second base for the first time since 2008 and Ellsbury picked up his first Gold Glove.

"I try to be a complete player. You can always go into offense slumps," Gonzalez said during the awards show on ESPN2.

The previous three Red Sox to win in the same year were shortstop Rick Burleson along with outfielders Dwight Evans and Fred Lynn in 1979.

Chicago White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle was the lone AL holdover, winning for the third straight year. Baltimore's Matt Wieters won at catcher, the Angels' Erick Aybar at shortstop, Texas' Adrian Beltre at third, and Kansas City's Alex Gordon and Baltimore's Nick Markakis in the outfield.

Beltre won for the third time, after gaining the award in 2007 and 2008.

The St. Louis Cardinals' Yadier Molina became the first NL catcher to win in four

## Granderson slam leads MLB stars to Taiwan win

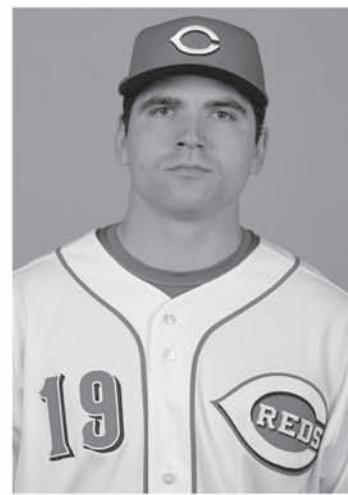
**XINZHUANG, Taiwan** (AP)—Curtis Granderson hit a grand slam to lead a team of major league stars to a 7-0 win over Taiwan's national team on Tuesday night.

The Yankees slugger went deep off Yao-Hsun Yang in the third inning, electrifying the crowd at the suburban Taipei stadium before the game was called in the sixth inning because of rain.

The five-game series between MLB stars including Yankees second baseman Robinson Cano, Giants third baseman Pablo Sandoval and Orioles pitcher Jeremy Guthrie resumes on Thursday.

The teams will play twice in the central Taiwanese city of Taichung before moving onto the southern city of Kaohsiung for two weekend matchups.

The trip offers MLB a chance



National League baseball players who won Gold Gloves for the 2011 season are shown during spring training in 2011, at various locations. In the top row from left are Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw, St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina, Cincinnati Reds first baseman Joey Votto, Cincinnati second baseman Brandon Phillips and Colorado Rockies shortstop Troy Tulowitzki. In the bottom row from left are Philadelphia Phillies third baseman Placido Polanco, Arizona Diamondbacks left fielder Gerardo Parra, Los Angeles center fielder Matt Kemp, and Los Angeles right fielder Andre Ethier.

center and Ethier in right.

Beltre and Gonzalez each earned \$100,000 bonuses, while Aybar and Markakis get \$75,000 apiece. Molina, Pedroia, Polanco and Votto each receive \$50,000, and Tulowitzki and Buehrle both get \$25,000.

Phillips gets an automatic \$250,000 raise next season to \$12.25 million under the option the Reds exercised Monday.

placed Minnesota catcher Joe Mauer; Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira, second baseman Robinson Cano and shortstop Derek Jeter; Tampa Bay third baseman Evan Longoria; former Rays outfielder Carl Crawford; and Seattle outfielders Ichiro Suzuki and Franklin Gutierrez.

Suzuki's streak of Gold Gloves ended at 10. The right fielder, who had won in every

one of his big league seasons, had tied the AL record for Gold Gloves by an outfielder shared by Ken Griffey Jr. and Al Kaline.

Last year's NL winners included Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols, Reds third baseman Scott Rolen and Colorado's Carlos Gonzalez and Philadelphia's Shane Victorino joined in the outfield by Michael Bourn, then of Houston.

Rawlings announced the winners Tuesday. Managers and coaches vote for players in their leagues and can't pick players on their own teams.

Breaking with the recent format, outfielders were picked for specific spots. The AL had Gordon in left, Ellsbury in center and Markakis in right, and the NL had Parra in left, Kemp in

## After re-signing with Yanks, Cashman seeks arm

**NEW YORK (AP)**—His major offseason goal already accomplished, Yankees general manager Brian Cashman is still hunting for more starting pitching as he reshapes the team following its first-round elimination.

Cashman signed a three-year contract worth about \$9 million Tuesday, a day after his previous deal expired. The announcement came less than 24 hours after CC Sabathia chose not to become a free agent and instead agreed to a contract that gave him an additional \$30 million guaranteed for 2016.

"He's certainly the most important piece as we entered this process," Cashman said during a conference call. "CC provides us a lot of security, and that's obviously why he makes what he makes."

A weak free-agent class for pitchers is headed by Edwin Jackson, C.J. Wilson, Mark Buehrle and Hiroki Kuroda. Bats are more plentiful, with Albert Pujols, Prince Fielder, Jose Reyes and Carlos Beltran on the market.

"Pitching, pitching, pitching. That will be the main thrust," Cashman said, a sign the Yankees could explore trades involving low-priced players such as Jesus Montero and Brett Gardner. "I don't anticipate a bat being of need at all. I anticipate people knocking on our door about the current bats we have."

On other topics, Cashman said A.J. Burnett is likely to remain with the Yankees and stay in the rotation; wouldn't

say whether the team intends to re-sign 40-year-old Jorge Posada; praised catcher Russell Martin but wouldn't

say whether he will offer a multiyear contract; said he's open to re-signing pitchers Freddy Garcia and Bartolo Colon, and third baseman Eric Chavez; and wouldn't commit to whether the Yankees would have an interest in Japanese pitcher Yu Darvish, who may become available in the posting process from the Nippon Ham Fighters.

Cashman has been GM since February 1998, when he succeeded Bob Watson. Without giving any specifics, Cashman touched on several players:

■ On Posada: "He's been one of the best catchers in Yankee history and a borderline Hall of Famer and obviously is in the free-agent category

currently. So I think that's something that we'll have to discuss here in the short term but it's not something I'm prepared to talk to about today."

■ On Martin: "He came in here and we thought he was Thurman Munson-like. I wasn't here in the '70s, but you know what Thurman Munson stood for, represented, how he played the game and leadership that he provided in the clubhouse."

■ On Burnett: "He's had to deal with adversity because of the inconsistent performance. He hasn't shied away from it and he continues to take that ball every five days and do everything he possibly can to secure a win and be the best he could possibly be. ... I expect him to be in the rotation going forward."

■ On right fielder Nick Swisher, whose option was exercised Saturday: "He has been one of the better offensive right fielders in the game ever since he's been here. ... We're lucky to have him. It was any easy call."

to increase its exposure in Taiwan, one of two Asian countries in which the sport is widely popular.

Tuesday night, the big leaguers added two runs in the 4th on a single by Emilio Bonifacio of the Florida Marlins and another in the 5th when Michael Morse of the Washington Nationals doubled off the wall in left center.

Granderson said that despite his success on the home run ball, it was a challenge facing Yang, whom he had never faced him before."

"I didn't know what he would throw," he said. "I had to make adjustments."

MLB manager Bruce Bochy of the San Francisco Giants said he's a big Granderson fan.

"Of course Curtis with the grand slam, that kind of jump started everything," he said.

# No movement on day NBA season would have started



NEW YORK (AP) -- No KD vs. Kobe, no championship banner in Dallas.

The original start date to the NBA season arrived Tuesday with progress still stalled in the negotiations to end the lockout. No further talks have been scheduled, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the plans have not been made public.

Players and owners made progress on a number of issues related to the salary cap system over two days last week. But the negotiations fell apart again on the third day, when the sides decided to revisit the revenue sharing split.

Owners are insistent on a 50-50 split, while players have proposed reducing their guarantee from 57 percent down to 52.5, which they say would transfer more than \$1.5 billion to owners over six years.

## Raiders sign WR Houshmandzadeh



ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — The Oakland Raiders signed wide receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh to a contract on Tuesday, reuniting him with his former quarterback Carson Palmer.

Palmer and Houshmandzadeh were teammates in Cincinnati for six seasons and both had their greatest NFL success when they were together.

Houshmandzadeh, 34, had been out of the league since playing with Baltimore last season but had been working out in Southern California with Palmer before the Raiders (4-3) acquired the quarterback last month.

Houshmandzadeh is also very familiar with Raiders coach Hue Jackson, who was the receiver coach in Cincinnati for three years during Houshmandzadeh's tenure there.

Houshmandzadeh averaged 89 catches over a five-year span in Cincinnati. His best season came in 2007, when he caught a career-high 112 passes for 1,143 yards and 12 touchdowns.

But he struggled after leaving the Bengals. He had 79 catches for 911 yards and three touchdowns in Seattle in 2009 before bottoming out last season with the Ravens when he had only 30 catches for 398 yards and three touchdowns. His tenure in Baltimore ended with a key fourth-down drop in a playoff loss to Pittsburgh last January.

"He's a guy that made a lot of catches when it was sticky," Jackson said Monday before Houshmandzadeh signed. "With people draped all over him, he made some uncommon plays for us in Cincinnati. That's all I can go by in Cincinnati. I did not coach him in Seattle, I did not coach him in Baltimore. That's why I have to take a great look at the player. It's been a while."

Three games had been scheduled for Tuesday. The Mavericks would have opened the defense of their first NBA title at home against Derrick Rose and the Chicago Bulls. Houston was at Utah, with Kevin Durant's Thunder at Kobe Bryant's Lakers. Most of league would have started Wednesday.

Instead, TNT was airing a "Bones" marathon Tuesday night.

Commissioner David Stern canceled games through the end of November on Friday. The first two weeks of the season already had been lost to the lockout, which began after the old collective bargaining agreement expired June 30.

A day after union president Derek Fisher sent out a letter to players assuring them of leadership's unity, players' association executive director Billy Hunter did the same. In the letter, obtained by The Associated Press and other media outlets and first reported by ESPN.

com, Hunter contended a 50-50 split "does not adequately compensate the players for our services to the NBA."

"We will not be intimidated by public threats, ultimatums and manufactured drop dead dates," he wrote.

With no NBA games to play, Durant was still finding ways to compete and challenge fellow stars.

Durant tweeted Monday he was interested in playing flag football. When fans at Oklahoma State University offered an invitation, he showed up in Stillwater that night to play. He tweeted later that he threw four touchdown passes and had three interceptions in a victory.

Then on Tuesday, LeBron James sent a tweet to the Thunder star that he was interested in setting up a flag football showdown between Durant's team and his own squad in Akron, Ohio. Durant answered that his team was ready and James should set it up.

He apparently liked what he saw because the Raiders signed him. Houshmandzadeh gives Oakland a veteran receiver on a unit that is mostly young and unproven.

Third-year player Darrius Heyward-Bey leads the team with 27 catches for 434 yards, but no other wide receiver has more than 15 catches so far this season.

Speedster Jacoby Ford (notes) has been slowed by various injuries, rookie Denarius Moore had a fast start before leveling off, veteran Derek Hagan has one catch in the past three weeks, Louis Murphy (notes) has no catches in his two games and Chaz Schilens has caught more than two passes just once all season and missed the most recent game with a hamstring injury.

However, the 24-year-old's role was reduced this season and he has steadily slipped down first-year coach Pat Shurmur's depth chart.

With Hillis and Hardesty injured, the Browns were in dire need of a running back and signed Clayton, a player with whom they have some background. On Tuesday, the Browns had running backs in for workouts at their training facility in Berea before settling on and signing Clayton, who was active in two games for Cleveland in 2010.

Hardesty is expected to miss games after tearing a calf muscle during Sunday's 20-10 loss in San Francisco. Hillis remains slowed by a hamstring injury that has kept him out of Cleveland's past two games. On Monday, Shurmur said Hardesty would be sidelined for an indefinite period. Hillis' status for this week's game at Houston is uncertain.

Clayton was with Seattle during the preseason before he was released. He will join Chris Ogbonnaya in Cleveland's backfield until Hardesty or Hillis gets healthy. Ogbonnaya has only been with the team since Oct. 18, when he was signed off the Texans' practice squad.



In this Oct. 23, 2011, file photo, Kevin Durant dunks during the Basketball Invitational charity game in Oklahoma City. With the NBA lockout dragging on, two-time scoring champion Kevin Durant was ready for some football. Flag football.

## Lions' Suh appreciates chance to talk with Goodell

DETROIT (AP) — Ndamukong Suh got his wish.

Detroit's star defensive tackle met with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and his staff Tuesday to clarify questions about his play and the game.

"I have gained a better understanding how I need to continue to play the game to help my team win," Suh said in a statement. "I look forward to the rest of the season and doing everything we can to bring the Lombardi Trophy to Detroit."

Detroit, aiming for its first postseason appearance this century, is 6-2 for the first time since 2007 and next plays Nov. 13 at Chicago. The Lions haven't won an NFL title since 1956, but Suh and his teammates are playing and talking with a lot of swagger these days.

Suh requested the bye-week session in New York at NFL headquarters to talk about the flags and fines he has received. He was joined by Lions coach Jim Schwartz and team president Tom Lewand, according to Goodell.

The league said senior vice president of football operations Ray Anderson, football operations consultant Jeff Fisher, vice president of officiating Carl Johnson and vice president of football operations Merton Hanks represented the NFL during the session.

"Ndamukong plays the game with great skill and passion and is a major reason for the Lions' success this year," Goodell said in a statement. "In the course of our dialogue today, we reviewed video showing that Ndamukong has clearly made the adjustments to play consistently within the rules so that he can continue to help the team. We commend Ndamukong's leader-

ship in taking the initiative to schedule today's meeting."

Suh's rough play has led to \$42,500 in fines since Detroit drafted him No. 2 overall out of Nebraska in 2009.

In August, he was fined a third time for roughing up a third quarterback in less than a year after grabbing Cincinnati quarterback Andy Dalton and throwing him to the turf after he had gotten rid of the ball. Suh vowed back then he wouldn't "by any means" change his game. He was fined twice last year for hits on Chicago's Jay Cutler during the regular season and Cleveland's Jake Delhomme in a preseason game. He shoved Cutler hard and high in the back and twisted Delhomme's face mask and slammed him to the ground.

Suh has been able to absorb the financial hits, making \$40 million guaranteed with a chance to get paid as much as \$68 million in his five-year contract.

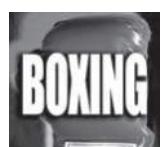
He previously expressed sympathy for officials who try to determine if he's playing within the rules.

"I really feel like I put the refs in a tough situation because of my strength," Suh said during the preseason.

Suh was the only rookie on the All-Pro team last season and is the reigning NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year.

He leads a defensive line with plenty of talented players, including defensive end Cliff Avril, the NFC defensive player of the week. Avril became the first Detroit defensive player to win the award since Shaun Rogers in 2007.

# Pacquiao ready to go for third fight against Marquez



**H O L L Y - WOOD, California** (AP)-- Manny Pacquiao is normally mild-mannered when it comes to addressing future fights and opponents, but he admits he wants to thoroughly beat Juan Manuel Marquez when the two fight Nov. 11 in Las Vegas and leave no doubt he is the best pound-for-

pound fighter. Pacquiao said he's been looking forward to this fight ever since Marquez wore a shirt which read, "Marquez Beat Pacquiao Twice!!" last November after defeating Michael Katsidis to retain his lightweight titles. Pacquiao defeated Marquez by a split decision in 2008, and their first fight in 2004 ended in a draw.

"He's been claiming that he's won the last two fights," Pacquiao said. "I need to go in and end all these issues. This fight will be the answer to all the doubts and all the issues he's been screaming for."

There is a picture of Marquez wearing the shirt behind the speed bag Pacquiao hits every day at the Wild Card Boxing Club in Hollywood. As Pac-

quiao pummeled the bag on Wednesday, his eyes were transfixed on the picture as his trainer Freddie Roach looked on.

"This is the best I've ever seen him," Roach said. "He really has a grudge because Marquez wore those 'I Beat Pacquiao Twice' shirts in the Philippines and started campaigning that he got robbed. Manny doesn't dislike anyone in the world,

but this guy slapped him in the face a little bit and payback's a b----."

Roach put the picture of Marquez wearing the shirt behind the speed bag when they began training. He thought it would soon be removed, but a week

before the fight the photo is still there.

"I thought he would take it down," Roach said. "But he looks at it every day and smiles. He has that little extra spark right now because he wants that payback."

## CNMI sluggers host softball fundraiser on Nov. 11 and 12



The Saipan Major League Baseball Association and the

CNMI National Baseball Team are hosting a fundraising softball tournament on November 11 and 12 at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Proceeds from the two-day event will be used to help defray some of SML's operational costs and pay for outstanding obligations the CNMI gold medal team incurred for participating in the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia.

At least 10 teams are expected to participate in the fundraiser. Slots are still available. Entrance

fee is only \$100 and checks should be made payable to SMLBA.

For more information, contact CNMI team manager and SMLBA official Tony Rogolifo at 288-5426.

**SML youth playoffs conclude this weekend**  
SML's 2011 Summer/Fall Youth League is set to wrap up this weekend with a double header this Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The action starts with a knockout semifinal match between Fielders 2 and Titanium at 10am with the winner moving on to challenge the Ol'Aces in the championship game at 1pm. (*Walter Cepeda Sutherland*)

## Sabalu gains share of SEDA Flame Tree lead

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND  
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REPORTER



D'PiratesBar's Sabalu pulled off an 8-7 upset over Bar Gaia's Gaiana

B last week to force a tie for the lead in the Saipan Electronic Dart Association's B Flame Tree division.

D'Pirates Bar's Sabalu now holds a 98-67 record, sharing the top spot with Bar Gaia's Gaiana.

Sabalu's Ray Indalecio posted a 160 High In and One Shot's Dexter Mendiola scored

a 160 High Out in their respective matches.

Flame Tree's Chagi Sang bested fourth-ranked TBA One-shot (87-78) Joe's Steakhouse, 8-7, at home to remain in contention, as it is just three games behind the pacesetters.

Other division frontrunners include B Fanihi's Echosong Kamote of Naked Fish Bar & Grill and Inter-Government League' Team CUC of Jonny's Bar & Grill.

Fanihi's Echosong knocked off Es'y Kitchen's Kitchen Shooters (72-93), 9-6, at home to improve to a 105-60 record.

Echosong holds a seven-game lead over both World B, of Gaia and Es'y SOS Akiramenai.

World B pounced Oleai's Oh Yeah! (55-110), 12-3, on the road; Akiramenai topped Oleai's No Fear (74-91), 10-5, in a road match; and VFW Post 3457's Dutty Gunz (96-69) went to Jonny's and defeated Sekid (62-103), 12-3.

Akiramenai's Manny Blas recorded a High In 160 and Dutty Gunz's Norman Camacho posted a 129 High Out.

Meanwhile, Naked Fish Bar & Grill's Team Na'Gupu (85-80) defeated Joe's Skoregaz-

zums (66-99), 9-6, on the road and D'Pirates' Lucky Dart (80-85) bested Oleai's Why Not (44-121), 9-6, at home.

In the government league, Team CUC brushed off the DPS Enforcers (67-98), 13-2, for a 120-45 slate.

In other results, second ranked AG's Sakude (102-63) defeated the DPW Troubleshooters (70-95) at home in Oleai, 10-5, while DYS Atdit (91-74) downed NMC Proa (45-120) on the road at Jonny's, 10-5.

AG's Jayson John marked a 160 High In and DYS's Julian Camacho scored a 160 High Out.

in five games to 10.

### BOYS U15 Matansa 6, Tan Holdings 5

Over at the Hopwood Junior High School Field, Matansa ended Tan Holdings FC's winning run.

Tan Holdings came into the Hopwood pitch undefeated in three games and seemed headed for another win after leading at the break, 3-2. However, Matansa drew two goals from David Bucayo in the second half and Jireh Yobech and Evans

Belcher added one apiece to steal the win.

With the victory, Matansa improved to a 3-1-1 slate and bumped off Tan Holdings (3-1-0) in second place. MP United 1 is at the No. 1 spot with its perfect 5-0-0 record.

Tan Holdings FC led at half-time after drawing a hat-trick from Tanapon Uns. Jobech scored the two goals for Matansa in the first 45 minutes of play.

In the second half, Tan Holdings failed to keep the driver's seat, as Uns. was held to one field goal. Tan Holdings' other

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Scoring by quarters: 19-8, 37-

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be precious to him," the older Kimura said.

"Kensuke will aim to break Rezne's record of 1:02.54 in the 100m IM event in the Japan Open in 2009. At that time, Rezne was 17 years old, so for a 15-year-old swimmer like Kensuke, it is a very big challenge," the Tsunami coach added.

Hiro Kimura hopes that after the FINA World Cup, Kensuke and Tenorio will compete in more off-island tournaments to improve their skills and share their experience to younger swimmers.

"When our swimmers go off island and compete in international tournaments, they get to learn new techniques from world-class athletes. Then when our swimmers return to

Saipan, they not only practice these new skills, but also share them to their teammates," Hiro Kimura said.

Competitors in the Tokyo tournament include winners in the first four of the seven-leg World Cup series. The first four events took place in Dubai, Sweden, Russia, and Germany. Tomorrow, the fifth leg will start in Singapore (Nov. 4 and 5), while the sixth will move to Beijing, China (Nov. 8 to 9) before the last stop in Tokyo.

The grand winner of the series will take home \$100,000 (each for men's and women's). Points are awarded to swimmers in each leg and these will be tallied after the Tokyo event to determine the men's and women's champions.

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Matansa, which absorbed its first loss at the hands of Shirley's FC in Week 5, 0-1, regrouped against Tan Holdings to improve to a 4-0-1 win-draw-loss card—one win ahead of the second-running Shirley's FC.

Jace Pineda scored the lone goal in the match to deny Tan Holdings' bid for its first win in the season. Tan Holdings holds a 0-1-4 slate.

## MHS

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stuffed to one basket in the clutch.

Mendoza top-scored for MHS with 19 points, while Johnson chipped in 18, as the duo out-gunned the entire SIS crew. Jewell and Roberts finished with

seven points apiece for the Lady Geckos. Only four SIS players made it to the scoreboard with Phalai Frink and Amelia Hudkins contributing six each.

Besides Johnson and Mendoza's combined 37 markers, MHS also drew a total of 24 points from sisters Jeraldine and Jeralyn Castillo, Rachel Abrams, and Lia Rangamar. Krizandra

rio more confidence in beating Renze Wong's long course record in the same event (31.62 seconds).

"A new PBT will move Shigeki one big step towards surpassing Rezne's record," the Tsunami coach said.

As for his son, Kensuke, the older Kimura said the FINA World Cup meet will give the 15-year-old swimmer another opportunity to compete in a short course tournament.

"He was scheduled to compete in the Tokyo Sprint early this year and go for PBTs, but the event was cancelled due to the earthquake. He trained hard for several months for that event. Now, he has another chance to join a short course meet through the FINA World Cup and it will

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Both Commonwealth bets will be racing in two events with Kensuke Kimura entered in the 100m individual medley and 50m freestyle swims of the short course tournament (25-meter pool). Tenorio will be competing in the 50m breaststroke and 50m freestyle races. The younger Kimura's PBT in the 100m IM and 50m freestyle read at 1:03.25 and 26.53 seconds respectively, while Tenorio holds PBTs of 32.23 seconds in the 50m breaststroke and 27.08 seconds in the 50m freestyle.

Hiro Kimura added that having a new PBT in the 50m breaststroke will give Ten-

at 4pm with MHS QT's tipping off against the KFC Fins on the north court and Kagman taking on Southern on the south end. Then at 5pm, GCA clashes with the MHS Awesome Fins on the north side, while SIS meets the KFC Fins on the south court.

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13 win for its third victory in the season. MHS KFC Fins has yet to break into the win column after nine tries.

The season continues today

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### LOCAL SCORES

#### NMIFA Youth Fall League Standings (Unofficial)

##### BOYS U15

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
MP United 1	5	5	0	0	64	2	62	15
Matansa	5	3	1	1	27	23	4	10
Tan Holdings	4	3	0	1	28	4	24	9
Paire	5	3	0	2	19	10	9	9
MP United 2	5	1	2	2	26	13	13	5
Shirley's FC 2	5	1	0	4	4	41	-37	3
Shirley's FC 16	0	0	6	2	66	64	0	0

##### GIRLS U15

Matansa	5	4	0	1	15	2	13	12
Shirley's FC	4	3	1	0	17	4	13	10
MP United	5	2	2	1	10	5	5</	

# 16th Marianas Goodwill Table Tennis Tournament

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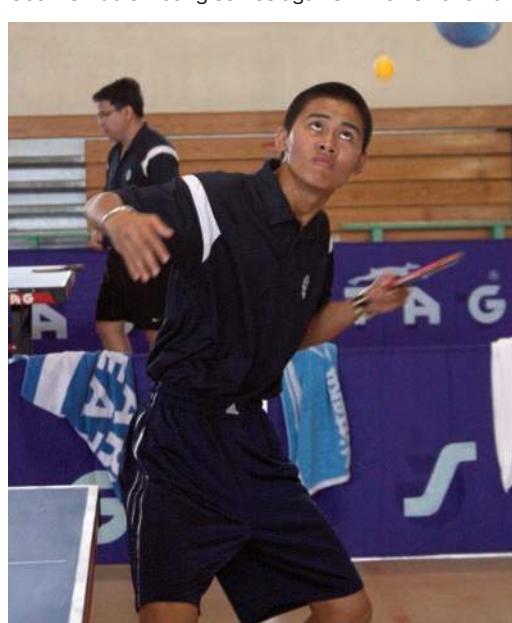
Guam's Pablo Rodriguez has his eyes on the ball during a singles game against teammate Tony Huang.



Saipan's Jean Shi gets ready to receive the ball from Tinian's Luke Lu.



Guam's Eddie Huang serves against Tinian's Luke Lu.



Guam's John Matias serves



Guam, Saipan, and Tinian players pose for a group photo at the awards ceremony for the 16th Marianas Goodwill Table Tennis Tournament.



Tinian's Charlie Cheng returns to Saipan's David Yang during their singles game in the 16th Marianas Goodwill Table Tennis Tournament late last month at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium.



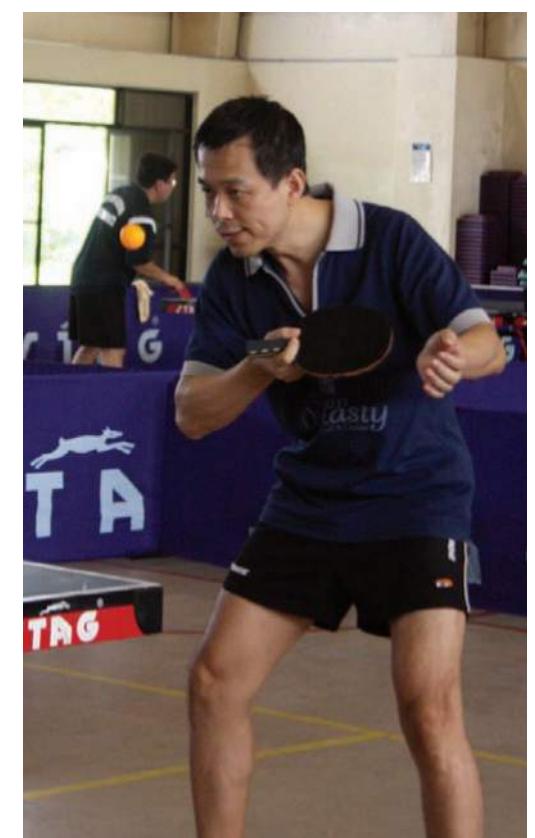
Tinian's Luke Lu stretches for a return against Guam's Eddie Huang.



Saipan's Budhi Gurung in action against Guam's Hiromitsu Hamamoto.



Guam's Hiromitsu Hamamoto returns to Saipan's Budhi Gurung.



Tinian's Robin Lu in action against Saipan's Steve Lim.



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3 Red Sox earn  
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## MHS routs SIS in MISO basketball league, 65-26

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The Marianas High School Lady Dolphins pummeled the Saipan International School Lady Geckos, 65-26, during the lone game in the 2011-2012 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organi-

zation Basketball League last Tuesday at the MHS Gymnasium.

The thought of MHS defending its varsity championship is becoming more and more apparent, as it is now a lock for first place with a flawless 5-0 record. The Lady Dolphins have one more game left in the double-round regular season. The Lady Geckos dropped to a 1-3 slate, losing their last three games after winning

their season debut.

Jaime Mendoza caught fire for MHS right after the tip with a string of seven points, while Melody Johnson added six, giving the Lady Dolphins a commanding 19-8 lead after the first 10 minutes of play.

The Dolphins kept it rolling in the second quarter and catapulted ahead at halftime, 37-18. Johnson added six more points in the second quarter push,

while Zoe Jewell and Amber Roberts managed just a handful of markers in the first half for SIS.

At the second half, MHS was still unforgiving on defense and contained SIS to six points in the third quarter to pull away, 57-24, with only a quarter left in the one-sided match.

The game was well out of reach by the start of the last period, as SIS was

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WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND  
Melody Johnson, seen here left open for a jumper during their game against Saipan Southern High School last week, scored 18 points in Marianas High School's 65-26 win over Saipan International School in the MISO varsity caging last Tuesday at the MHS Gymnasium.

## Matansa back on top in girls U15



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A Matansa FC striker tries to save the ball from going out of the baseline during their game against Paire FC in the U15 division of the NMIFA youth fall league at the San Antonio Elementary School Field.

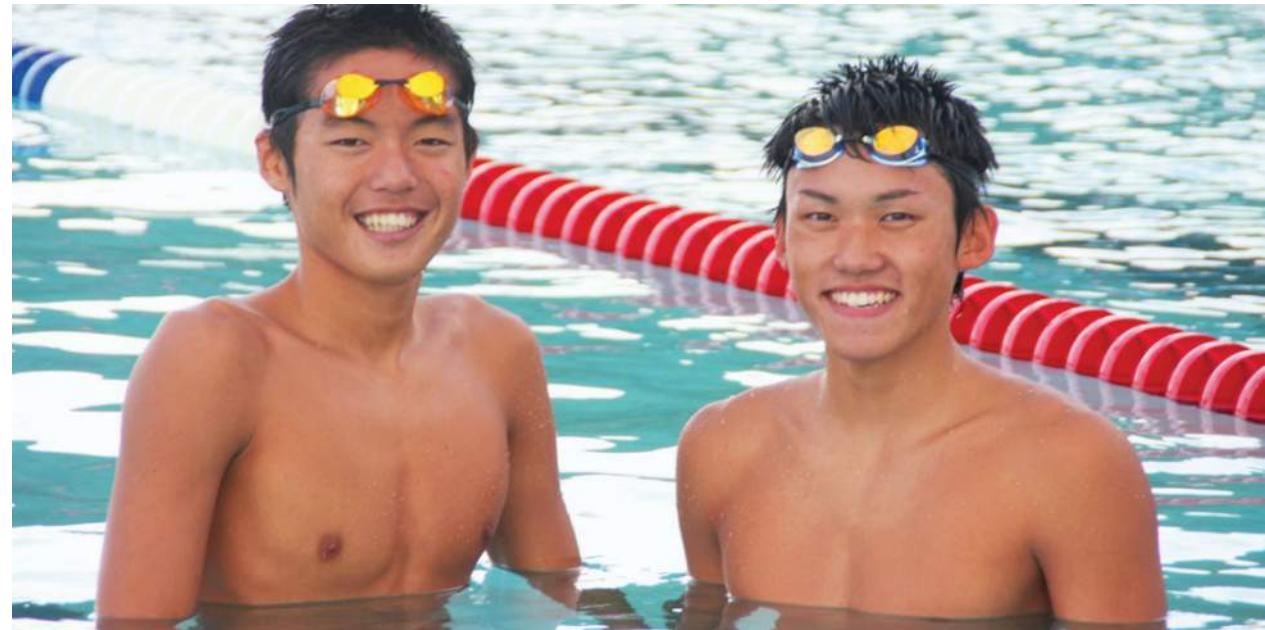
ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Defending champion Matansa Football Club reclaimed the lead in the girls U15 division after a 1-0 victory over Tan Holdings FC in Week 6 of the 2011 NMIFA Youth Football Fall League last Saturday at the San Antonio Elementary School Field.



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## Tsunami swimmers aim for PBTs in Tokyo



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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Kensuke Kimura, left, and Shigeki Tenorio pose for a photo during a break in their training session last Monday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

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In other results, Saipan Southern High School split its twin games last Monday. The Manta Rays first faced MHS Fins and lost the game early when the latter won the first two sets, 25-12, 25-15, to improve to a 4-7 record. Southern prevailed in the third set, 15-5, but still absorbed its eighth loss.

In their second game of the day against the MHS KFC Fins, the Manta Rays topped the opening set, 25-17, but dropped the second, 26-28. In the deciding set, Southern pulled off a 15-

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